BOOK FIVE

COAST CITY.
HAND MORTUARY
ROOM 5
WILLIAM.
YOUR FATHER JUST FINISHED CLEANING THIS ONE UP!
I WASN'T D-D-DOING ANYTHING, MOM! I SWEAR!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE TOLD YOU TO STAY *OUT* OF THE BASEMENT?
I KNOW, BUT...I JUST WANTED TO L-L-LOOK.
WHY? WHY CAN'T YOU BE A *GOOD CHRISTIAN* LIKE YOUR *BROTHERS?*
I DON'T KNOW.

HAL JORDAN.
YOU ARE AN ANGRY MAN.
HIS NAME WAS HECTOR HAMMOND.
HE WAS AN ASTROPHYSICS AND THEORETICAL SCIENCE CONSULTANT FOR FERRIS AIRCRAFT AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.
I'D LATER FIND OUT HE WAS EXPOSED TO THE METEORITE CORE OF ABIN SUR'S SHIP.
IT AMPLIFIED HIS SICK BRAIN. HIS MIND WAS TELEKINETIC. HE COULD READ OTHERS.
AND HE KNEW ALL OF MY SECRETS.

YOU HAVE MET EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS.
LIFE FAR BEYOND OURS.
THEY GAVE YOU A POWER RING. A BAND OF ENERGY AND WILL.
THEY CALLED IT THE GREATEST WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE.
THE GREATEST TECHNOLOGY.
HA HA HA HA HA!
GIVE ME THIS EMERALD MIRACLE, HAL JORDAN. GIVE...
...NO.
NO, YOU CAN'T HAVE HER.
NO, CAROL FERRIS IS MINE.
SHE'S MINE!
I DON'T... WANT HER, HAMMOND.

LIAR!
KRRRAKKK

I SEE YOUR THOUGHTS FLOATING AROUND YOU. EVERY LAYER OF WHO YOU ARE PEELED BACK AND ON DISPLAY.
I SEE THINGS NO ONE ELSE SEES.
YOU'VE LIVED YOUR LIFE TRYING TO PROVE TO EVERYONE THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER DIDN'T MAKE YOU AFRAID.
IT'S MADE IT SO EXCITING.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T SHARED IT WITH ANYONE.

UNTIL NOW.

I TRIED TO POUR SOME WILL INTO THE RING, BUT IT FELT LIKE IT WAS SLIPPING OFF.
THE BEST I COULD DO--

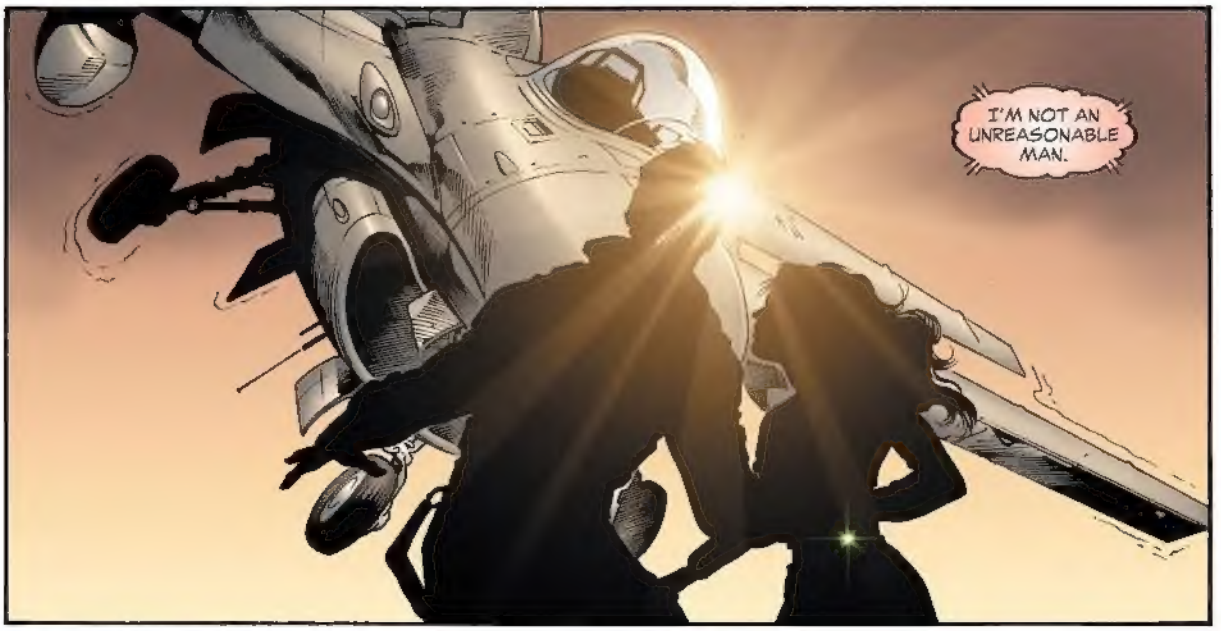
-- WAS BLIND HIM.
AAAAAAHH!

CAROL?
H-HAL?
YOUR BOYFRIEND'S BACK.
HAL, WHAT'S GOING ON?

HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND.

LOOK AT THAT SHARED TRAUMA.
ALL THE TRAGEDY IN YOUR LIFE, IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE BOTH SO COLD.

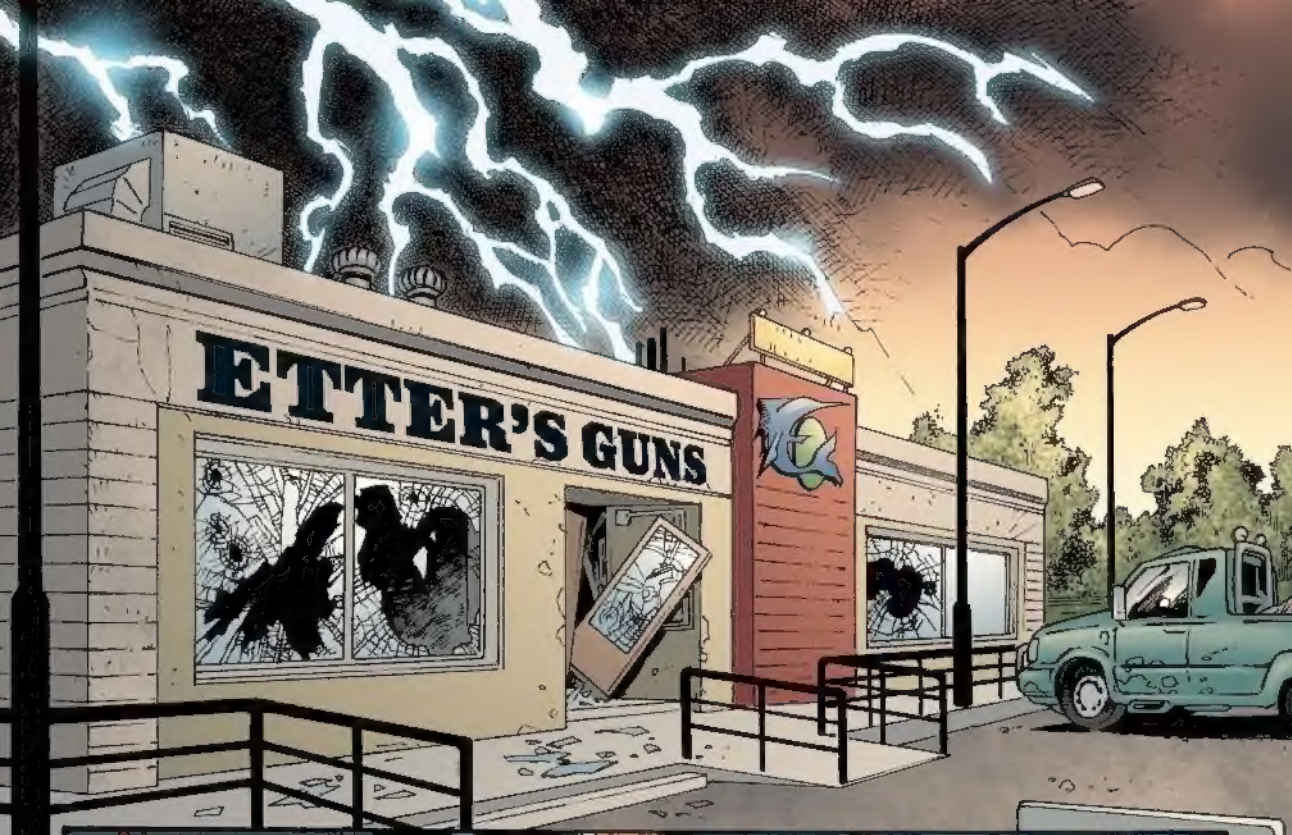
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE, CAROL. IT'S YOUR CHOICE.


I'M NOT AN UNREASONABLE MAN.

I'M JUST PASSIONATE.
KRRK

YOU ARE ALSO BREAKING THIRTY-FOUR TERRESTRIAL AND INTERGALACTIC LAWS.
CHIEF AMONG THEM, HUMAN, IS ATTACKING AN OFFICER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
EVEN IF I DO USE THE TERM "OFFICER" LOOSELY.
WHAT?
RING. REMOVE HIS AIR SUPPLY.
APPROXIMATELY FIVE SECONDS UNTIL THE AIR FROM HIS LUNGS IS EVACUATED.
N-NO. WHO...?
THREE.
ONE.
ASTONISHING.

A RUDIMENTARY TELEPATH LIKE THAT ACTUALLY *DISRUPTED* YOUR CONCENTRATION?
GREEN... LANTERN?
COME, ROOKIE.
WOOOSH!
...HAL?



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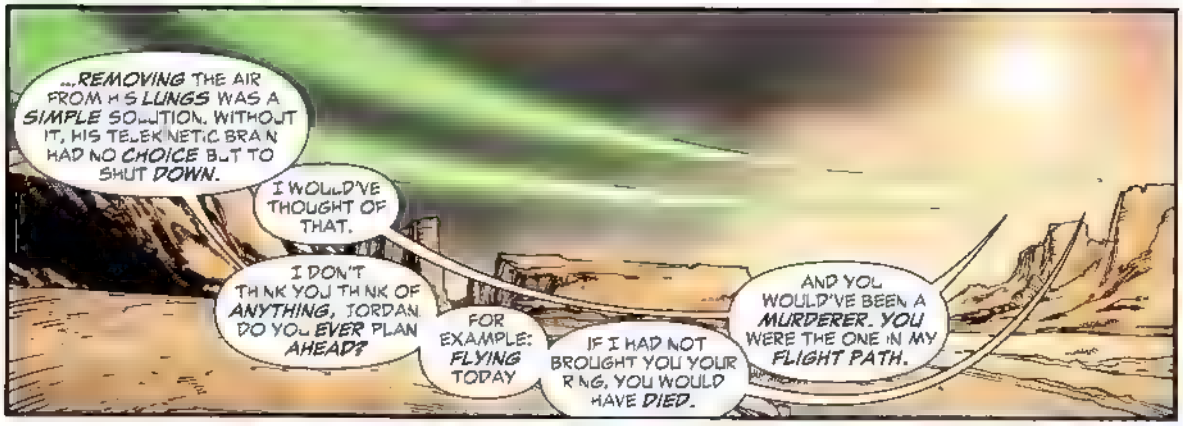
...REMOVING THE AIR FROM HIS LUNGS WAS A SIMPLE SOLUTION. WITHOUT IT, HIS TELEKINETIC BRAIN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SHUT DOWN.
I WOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THAT.
I DON'T THINK YOU THINK OF ANYTHING, JORDAN. DO YOU EVER PLAN AHEAD?
FOR EXAMPLE: FLYING TODAY
IF I HAD NOT BROUGHT YOU YOUR RING, YOU WOULD HAVE DIED.
AND YOU WOULD'VE BEEN A MURDERER. YOU WERE THE ONE IN MY FLIGHT PATH.

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN FLY WITHOUT YOUR RING?
I FORGOT IT
SOMEHOW, I DOUBT THAT
FINE. LESSON LEARNED. CAN YOU GO NOW? I'VE HAD ALL THE TRAINING I NEED

KILOWOG TAUGHT ME HOW TO RING SLING.
POORLY.
SALAAK HAD ME TEST THE CHARGING LIMITATIONS.
SALAAK'S "TESTS" ARE WORTHLESS WHEN FACED WITH THE REALITY OF A "DEAD" RING.
AND EVERYONE WARNED ME ABOUT THE YELLOW IMPURITY

HH.
WHAT?
I HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO SEEK THE TRUTH ABOUT THE YELLOW IMPURITY FOR YEARS. I WAS SUSPENDED AFTER ACCUSING THE GUARDIANS OF PUTTING IT THERE THEMSELVES WHEN I WAS A ROOKIE.

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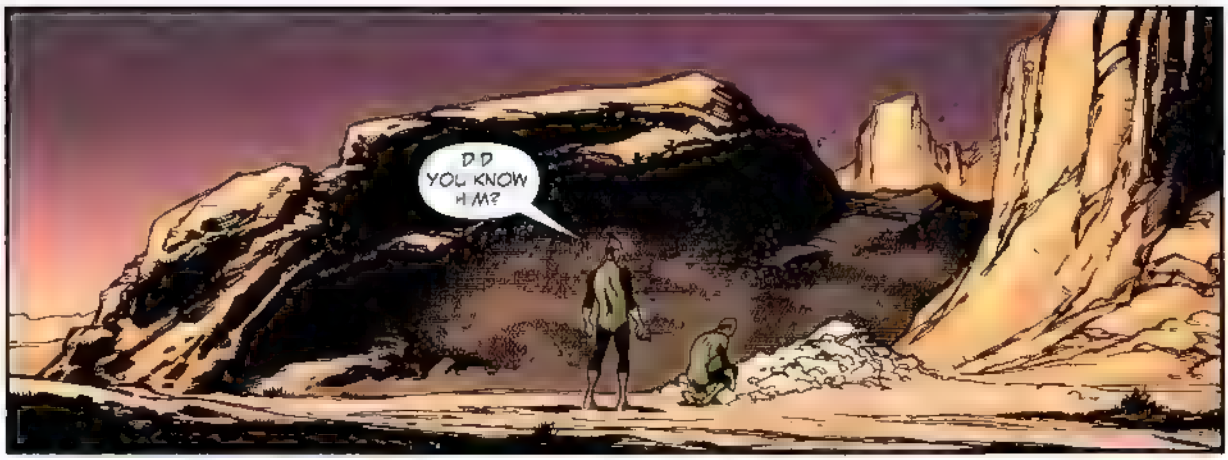
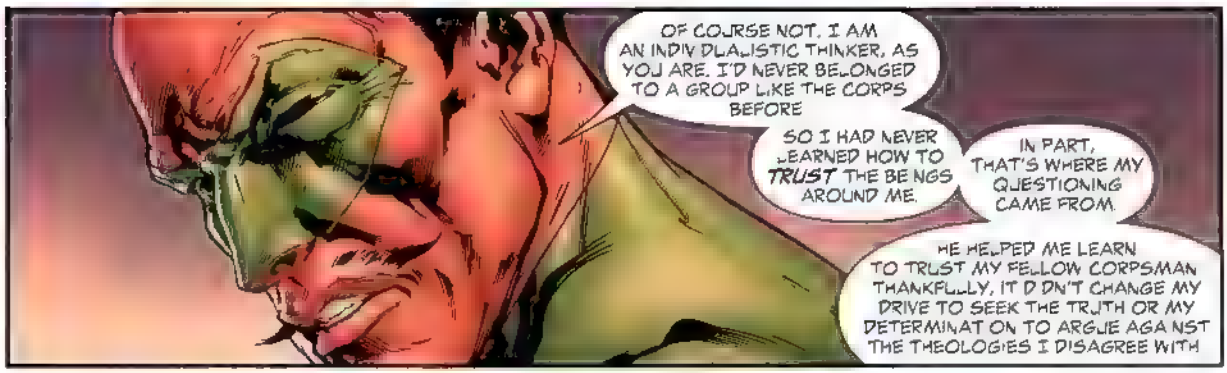
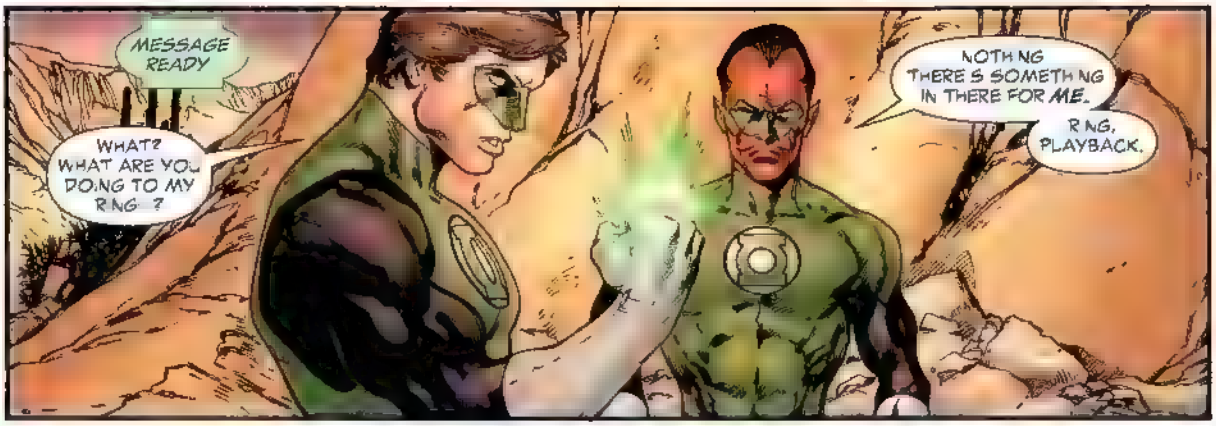

DID YOU KNOW HIM?

ABIN SUR WAS MY MENTOR.

I SUPPOSE I QUESTIONED HIM AND DISRESPECTED HIM AS MUCH AS YOU DO ME.
HE SHOWED ME HOW TO TEMPER THAT AND WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR A MEMBER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
SO HE TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP AND PLAY GOOD SOLDIER?

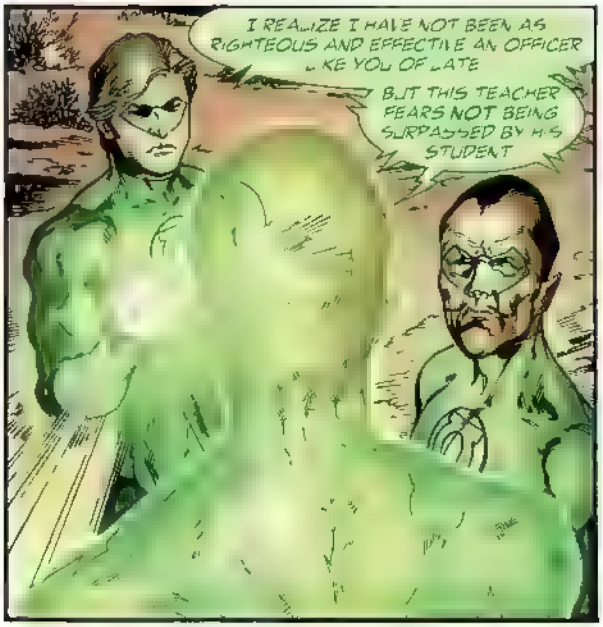

OF COURSE NOT. I AM AN INDIVIDUALISTIC THINKER, AS YOU ARE. I'D NEVER BELONGED TO A GROUP LIKE THE CORPS BEFORE
SO I HAD NEVER LEARNED HOW TO TRUST THE BEINGS AROUND ME.
IN PART, THAT'S WHERE MY QUESTIONING CAME FROM.
HE HELPED ME LEARN TO TRUST MY FELLOW CORPSMAN. THANKFULLY, IT DIDN'T CHANGE MY DRIVE TO SEEK THE TRUTH OR MY DETERMINATION TO ARGUE AGAINST THE THEOLOGIES I DISAGREE WITH

THEN WHAT DID IT HELP YOU DO, SINESTRO?
SINESTRO.
GREEN LANTERN 1417 REGISTERED IN DIRECT VICINITY. MESSAGE 22 UNLOCKED


MESSAGE READY
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY RING?
NOTHING THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE FOR ME.
RING, PLAYBACK.

GREETINGS, SINESTRO.
MY FRIEND.

ABIN?


I REALIZE I HAVE NOT BEEN AS RIGHTEOUS AND EFFECTIVE AN OFFICER LIKE YOU OF LATE
BUT THIS TEACHER FEARS NOT BEING SURPASSED BY HIS STUDENT

YOUR SUCCESS IS ALL I HOPE FOR, SINESTRO

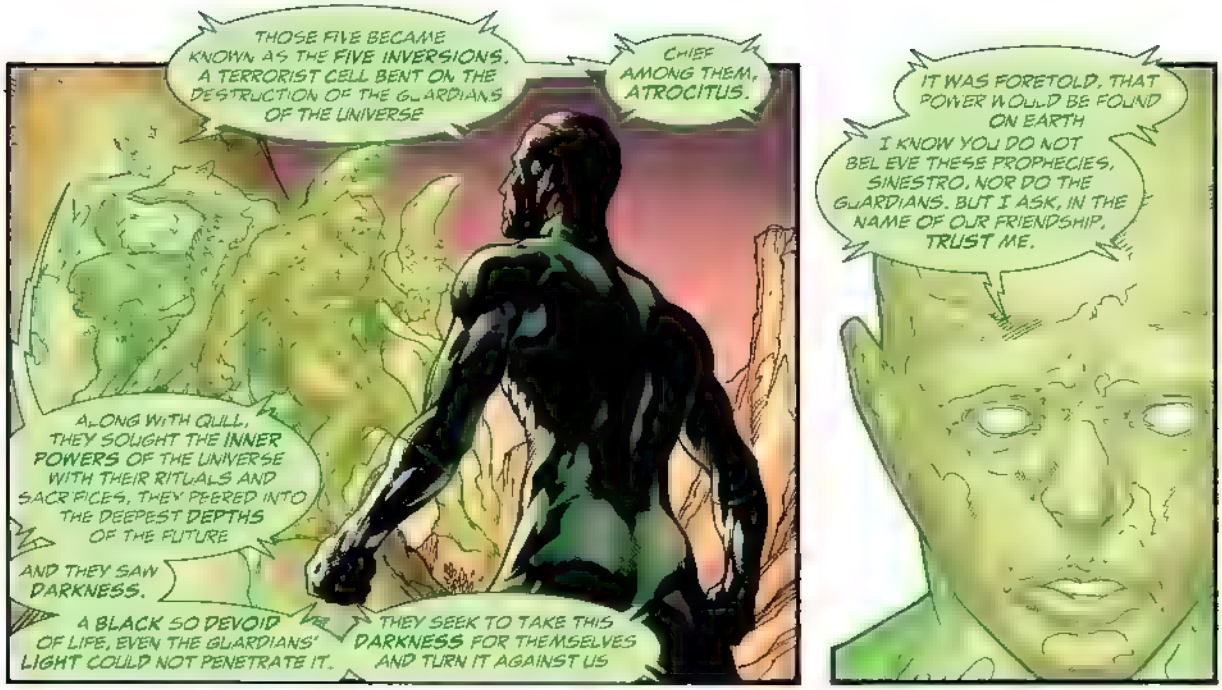
I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRETS OF LIFE.
AND TO UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF MY MISSION IS TO UNDERSTAND THE GREATEST TRAGEDY THAT HAS EVER BEFALLEN THE UNIVERSE
A CRIME SO HORRENDOUS AND UNFATHOMABLE IT IS MYTH.

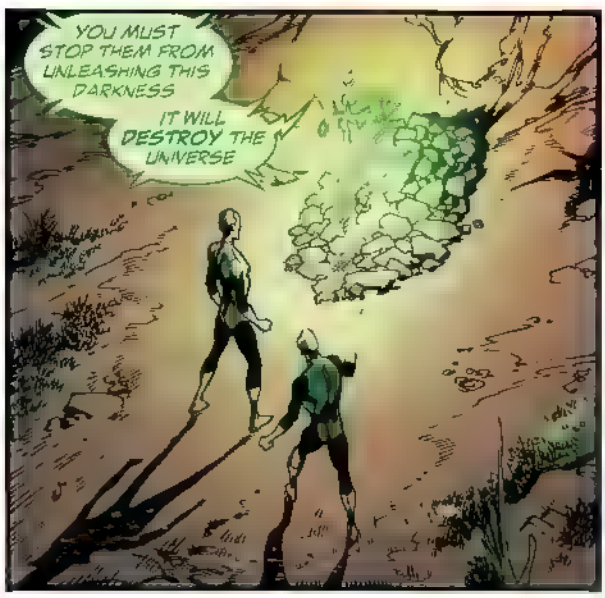
LONG BEFORE THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE RECRUITED SENTIENT LIFE FORMS INTO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS THEY CREATED A DIFFERENT POLICE FORCE
ONE THEY BELIEVED WOULD NEVER BE MANIPULATED BY EMOTION. THE GUARDIANS SAW EMOTION AS A WEAKNESS IN INTELLIGENT LIFE

THEY CONSTRUCTED THOUSANDS OF ARTIFICIAL SOLDIERS. MANHUNTERS. THEY DISPATCHED THEM ACROSS THE UNIVERSE TO MAINTAIN ORDER.
FOR EONS, THEY DID JUST THAT.

UNTIL THE MASSACRE.

"THE MASSACRE OF SECTOR 666
IT HAPPENED IN AN INSTANT. A GLITCH WAS TRIGGERED - CLONE TROOPER ORDER 66 - THE PURPOSE OF WHICH THE ANNIHILATORS
THEY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE COULD ONLY BE ORDER IN OUR UNIVERSE IF LIFE WERE ERADICATED
THEY ANNIHILATED WORLD AFTER WORLD TRILLIONS OF INTELLIGENT BEINGS
"THERE WERE FIVE SURVIVORS
"FIVE IN THIS ENTIRE SECTOR ONCE FULL OF LIFE"


THOSE FIVE BECAME KNOWN AS THE FIVE INVERSIONS. A TERRORIST CELL BENT ON THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE
CHIEF AMONG THEM, ATROCITUS.
ALONG WITH QUILL, THEY SOUGHT THE INNER POWERS OF THE UNIVERSE WITH THEIR RITUALS AND SACRIFICES, THEY PEERED INTO THE DEEPEST DEPTHS OF THE FUTURE
AND THEY SAW DARKNESS.
A BLACK SO DEVOID OF LIFE, EVEN THE GUARDIANS' LIGHT COULD NOT PENETRATE IT.
THEY SEEK TO TAKE THIS DARKNESS FOR THEMSELVES AND TURN IT AGAINST US
IT WAS FORETOLD, THAT POWER WOULD BE FOUND ON EARTH
I KNOW YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THESE PROPHECIES, SINESTRO, NOR DO THE GUARDIANS. BUT I ASK, IN THE NAME OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, TRUST ME.


YOU MUST STOP THEM FROM UNLEASHING THIS DARKNESS
IT WILL DESTROY THE UNIVERSE

HE LOOKED SCARED--
WHAT?
WHEN YOU SPOKE TO ABIN SUR, DID YOU SEE ANOTHER BODY?
ANOTHER BODY, JORDAN?

ABIN SUR WAS THE ONLY ONE I SAW IN THE SHIP. BUT HE WAS TORE UP PRETTY BAD. I THOUGHT IT WAS FROM THE CRASH. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS BY SOMEBODY.
IT WAS.
ATROCITUS SURVIVED.

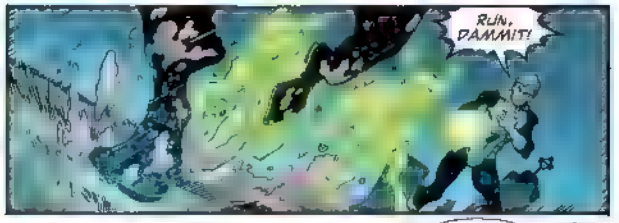
"WE NEED TO FIND HIM."
VISITIN
HOURS
3:30pm
5:30pm
KRIK

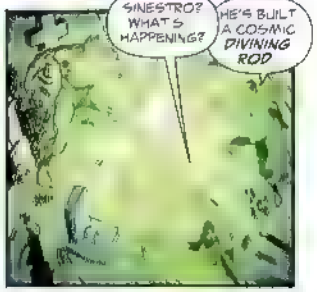
KRRAKSHH
AAHHH!!

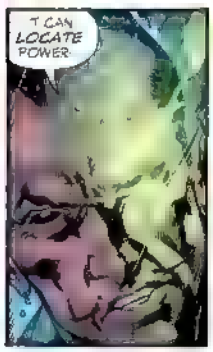
WILLIAM!

RRROORRR!

KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK
WILLIAM HAND.
KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK
YOUR INSIDES HOLD THE DOORWAY TO ABSOLUTE DARKNESS.
ATROCITUS!







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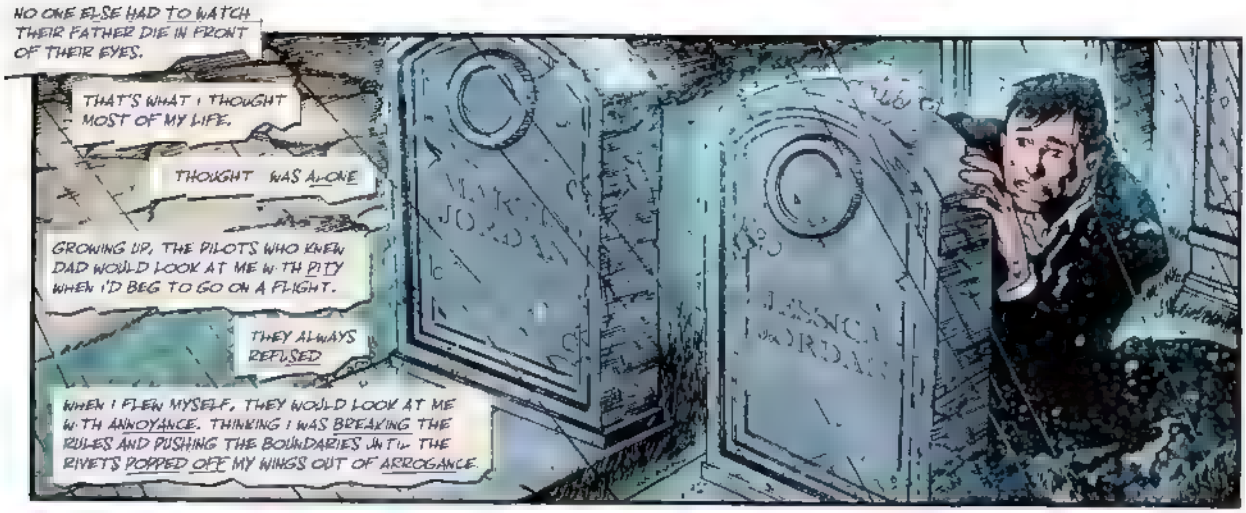
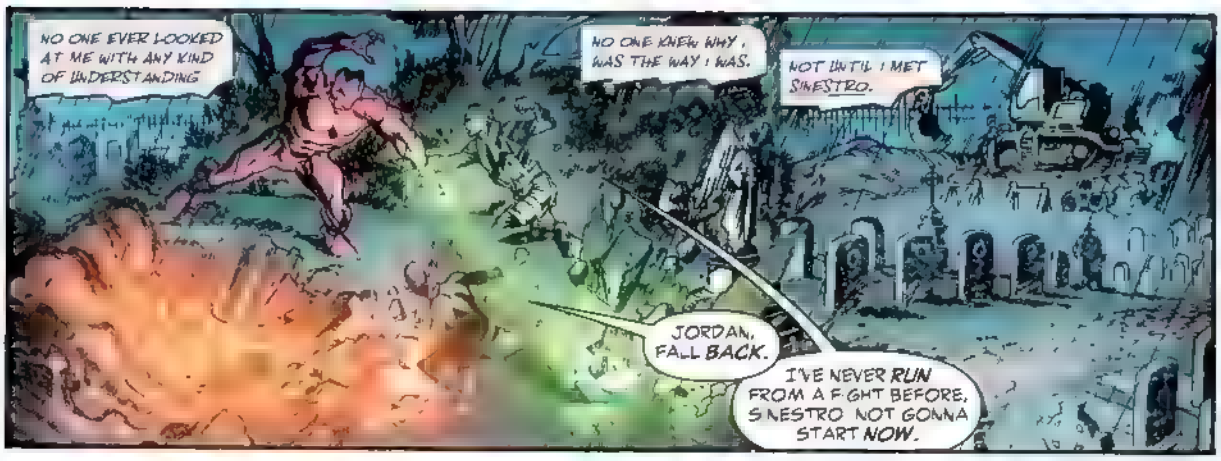
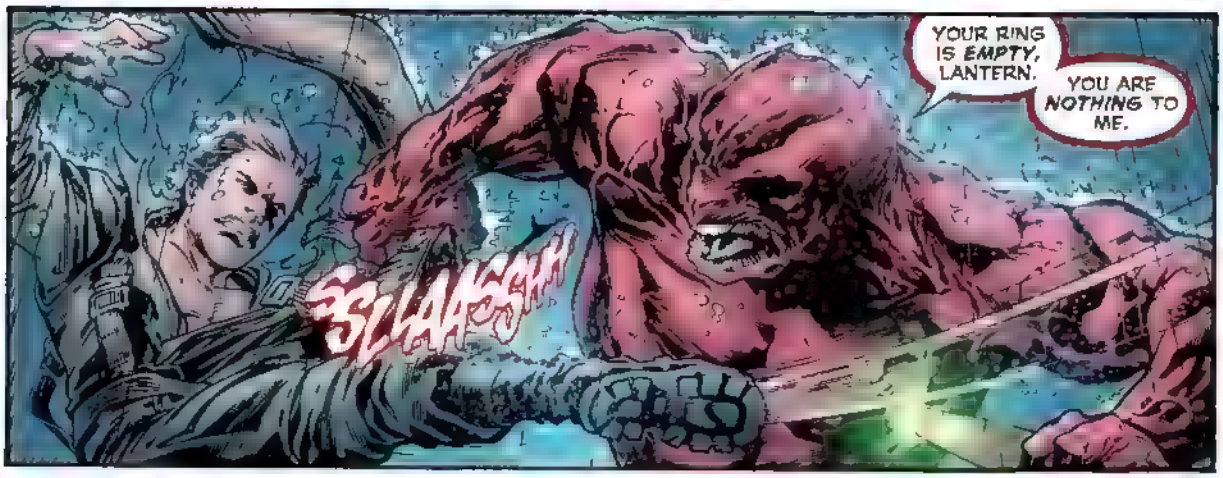
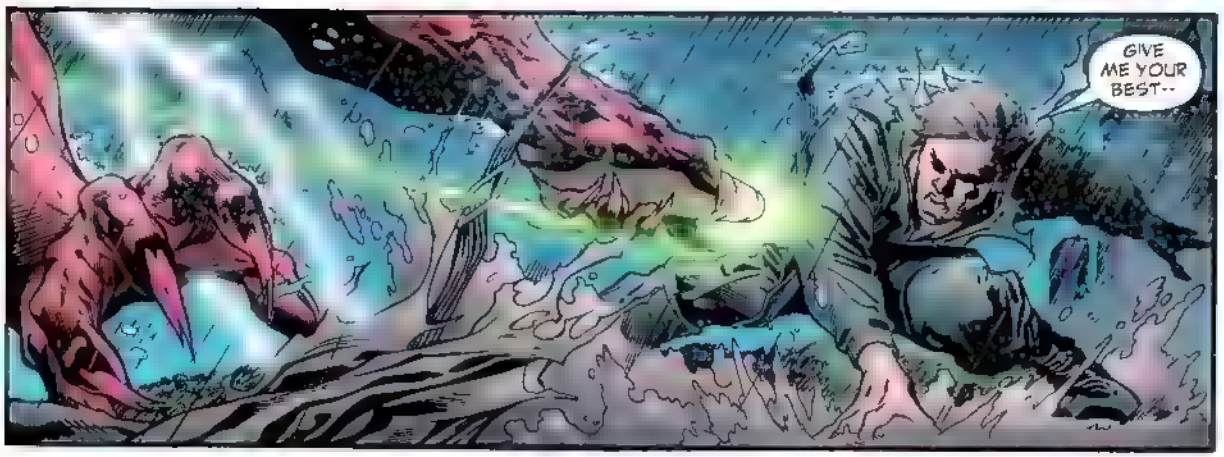
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF W THOUT THAT RING!

SECRET ORIGIN
BOOK SIX


NO ONE ELSE HAD TO WATCH THEIR FATHER DIE IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT MOST OF MY LIFE.
THOUGHT WAS ALONE
GROWING UP, THE PILOTS WHO KNEW DAD WOULD LOOK AT ME WITH PITY WHEN I'D BEG TO GO ON A FLIGHT.
THEY ALWAYS REFUSED
WHEN I FLEW MYSELF, THEY WOULD LOOK AT ME WITH ANNOYANCE. THINKING I WAS BREAKING THE RULES AND PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES UNTIL THE RIVETS POPPED OFF MY WINGS OUT OF ARROGANCE.


NO ONE EVER LOOKED AT ME WITH ANY KIND OF UNDERSTANDING
NO ONE KNEW WHY, WAS THE WAY I WAS.
NOT UNTIL I MET SINESTRO.
JORDAN, FALL BACK.
I'VE NEVER RUN FROM A FIGHT BEFORE, SINESTRO NOT GONNA START NOW.


YOUR RING IS EMPTY, LANTERN.
YOU ARE NOTHING TO ME.
SCLAASSH


GIVE ME YOUR BEST--

GET DOWN
BOOM
IDIOT!
SPLAT!!!
KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK
YOU ARE STILL HERE, BOY.
DOORWAY TO THE BLACK.
WILLIAM HAND...
...YOUR INSIDES HOLD THE POWER THAT WILL DESTROY THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.
YOU ARE THE INCUBATOR OF DEATH TO ALL!

"FALLING BACK" IS A MILITARY TACTIC, JORDAN.
IT IS NOT A SIGN OF FEAR.
STANDING IN THE LINE OF FIRE WITH A DRAINED POWER RING, HOWEVER, IS A SIGN OF STUPIDITY.
YOU SHOULD BE DEAD.
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE TO TELL ME THAT
I'M SHOCKED.
THAT DEVICE ATROCITUS IS HOLDING IS CAPABLE OF REMOVING AND CONTAINING THE ENERGY WITHIN OUR RINGS.
WE NEED TO KEEP CLEAR OF IT AND WE NEED TO RECHARGE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RECALLING MY POWER BATTERY.
DON'T TELL ME SALAAK DIDN'T EDUCATE YOU ON CONFINED POCKET DIMENSIONS AND THE STORAGE OF PERSONAL CHARGING UNITS.
I KEEP MINE IN MY LOCKER
YOU'VE REDEFINED THE WORD CARELESS FOR ME, JORDAN
SO I TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?
JUST LIGHT UP, ROOKIE.

HELP! SOMEBODY, PLEASE--
UmmNFF!
KRAAAATCH!
I ONLY WANTED TO... I ONLY WANTED TO SEE HOW COLD THEY WERE
THAT'S ALL!
LEAVE ME ALONE, DEMON!
KRIK KRIK KRIK
YOUR DESTINY AWAITS.

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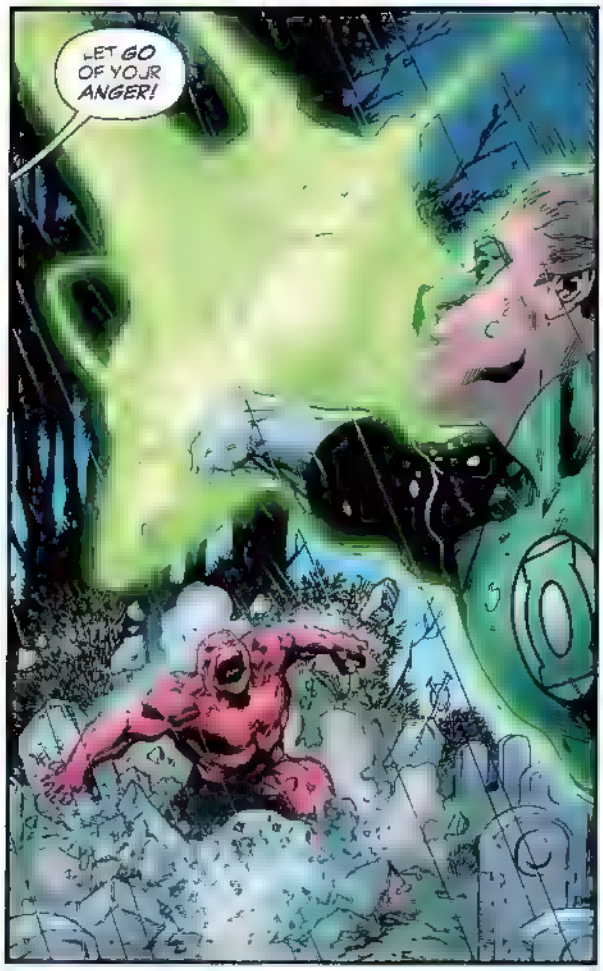
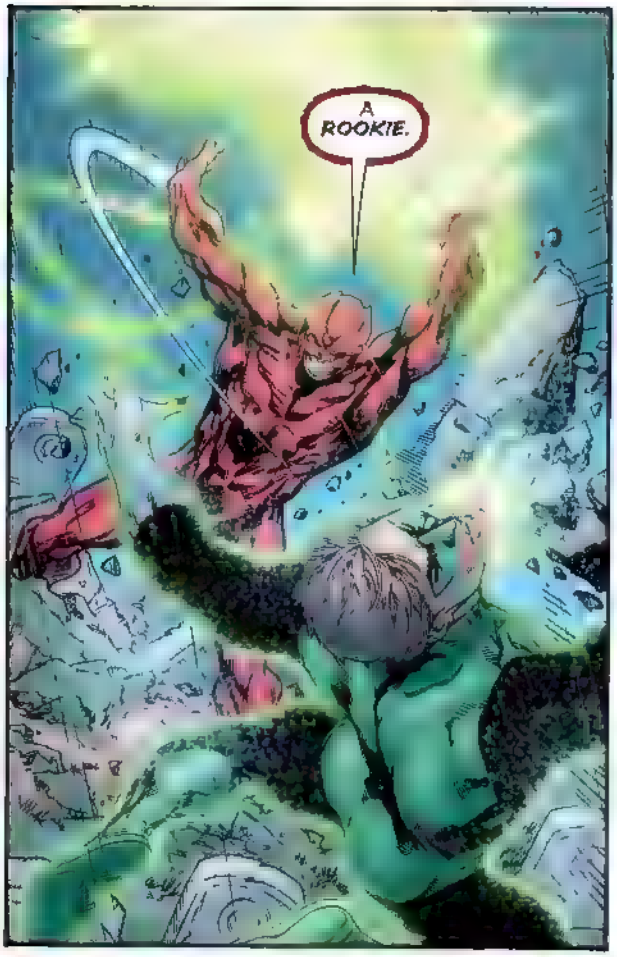
COME ON, JORDAN! STOP W TH THE HANDS AND FORCE SPHERES.
OPEN JP YOUR MIND.
AND STRENGTHEN THOSE CONSTRUCTS.


LET GO OF YOUR ANGER!


A ROOKIE.

BUT YOU...
...I KNOW YOU, LANTERN.
YOU ARE SINESTRO.

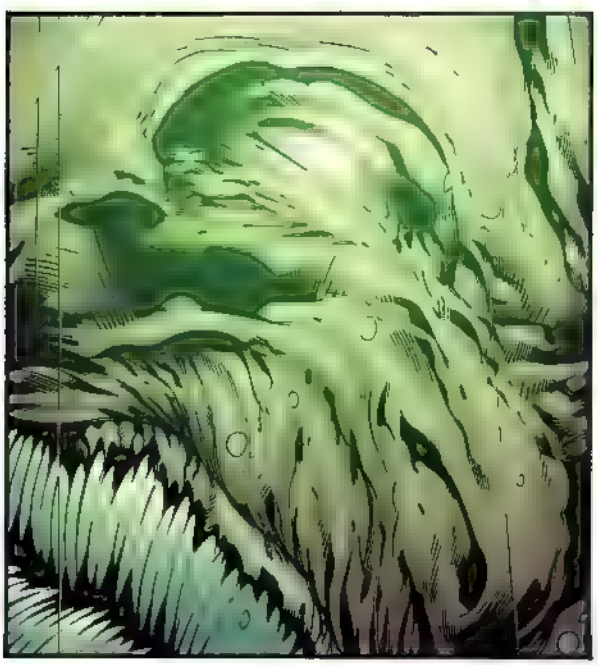
OUR PROPHECIES SAY YOU ARE THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL.
THEY SAY IF ANYONE IS TO OPPOSE OUR REVENGE, IT IS YOU.

Nn...

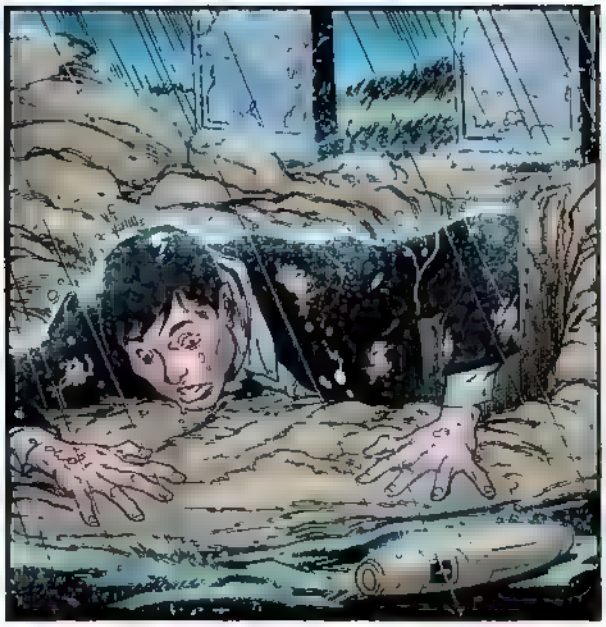
BUT THEY ALSO SAY YOU HAVE A WEAKNESS.
LIKE ALL OF THE GUARDIANS' TERRORISTS.

I WILL BATHE IN YOUR BLOOD, "GREAT ONE."

NO!



YELLOW...?
...THAT WAS NOT POSSIBLE...
YOU KNOW MY NAME, ATROCITUS?
GOOD.
TELL THE OTHER FOUR OF THE INVERSIONS WHO THEY HAVE TO FEAR.
KOOOMMM
SINESTRO. THE GREATEST GREEN LANTERN OF THEM ALL.



HEY!

HEY KID! YOU ALL RIGHT?

HEY--!
LET THE BOY GO, JORDAN.

WHAT DID ATROCITUS WANT WITH HIM?
THEY GAIN POWER THROUGH THE BLOOD OF OTHERS THEY DEEM "DOORWAYS." BEINGS THEY BELIEVE ARE TIED TO THE GREATER FABRIC OF UNIVERSAL POWER
UTTER NONSENSE.
YOU SAW WHAT I DID, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT DID YOU DO?

I USED THE RING AGAINST YELLOW.

YOU ASSISTED IN THIS TAKEDOWN AND ARREST, JORDAN. WITHOUT YOUR RING SEEKING A REPLACEMENT
YOU SURVIVED. THAT'S ENOUGH
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?
YOU DON'T THINK I'VE TRIED TO PIERCE THE SPECTRUM BARRIER? IT'S FUTILE. EVEN FOR ME.
I DID.
ENOUGH.
#$%& YOU.
UNABLE TO TRANSLATE.
HFFF. YOU HAVE TO STAND OUT, DON'T YOU?
YOU CAN'T STAND TO BE UPSTAGED?
BEING A MEMBER OF THE CORPS, YOU'LL NEED TO GET USED TO IT
WHAT MAKES ANYONE THINK I WANT TO BE AFTER ALL THIS?
YOU NEED TO GET HOLD OF YOUR ANGER, JORDAN. THAT'S WHAT ALMOST GOT YOU KILLED TODAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT OR WHO YOU'RE SO ANGRY WITH, BUT YOU CONTINUE TO DIRECT IT AT ME.
YOU NEED TO GROW UP, DEAL WITH IT AND GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I WILL.
RING, TAKE ME TO CARL FERRIS.

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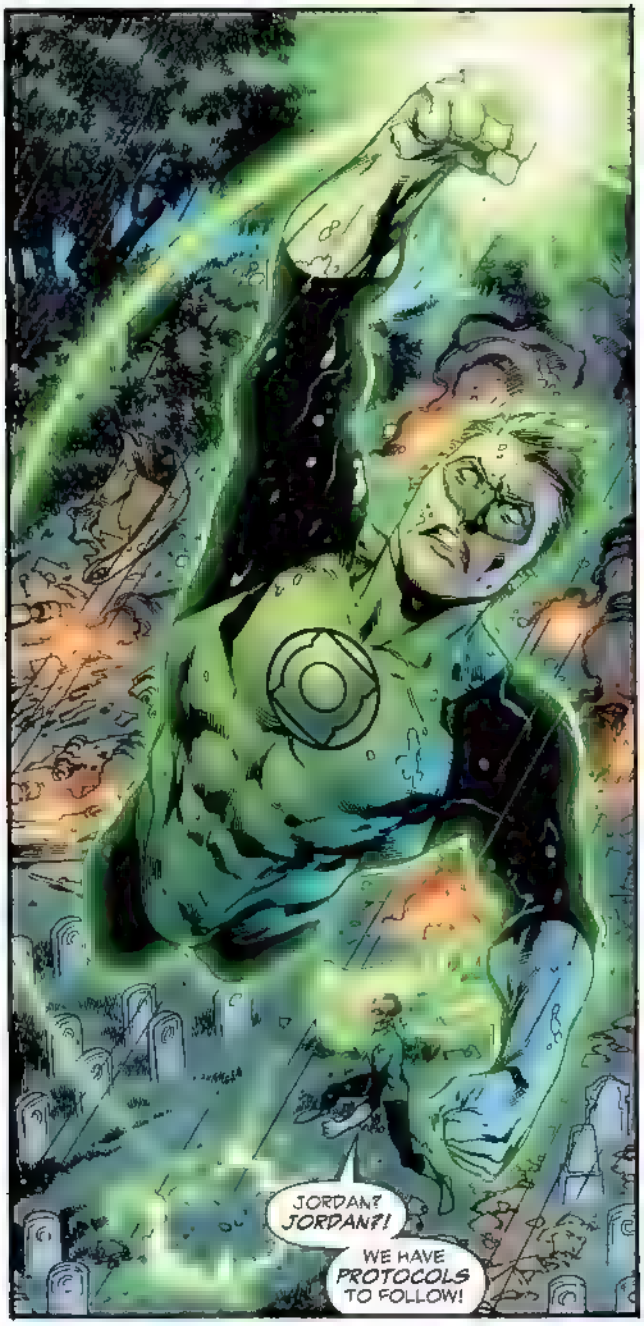
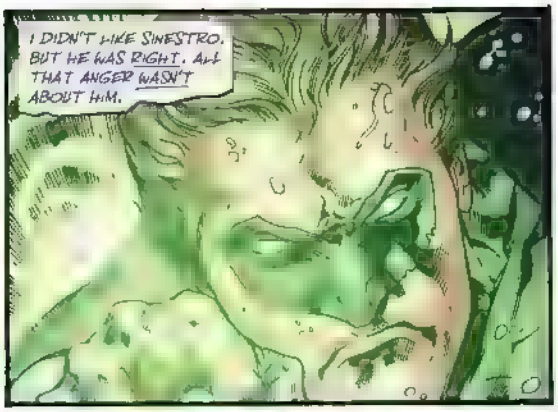
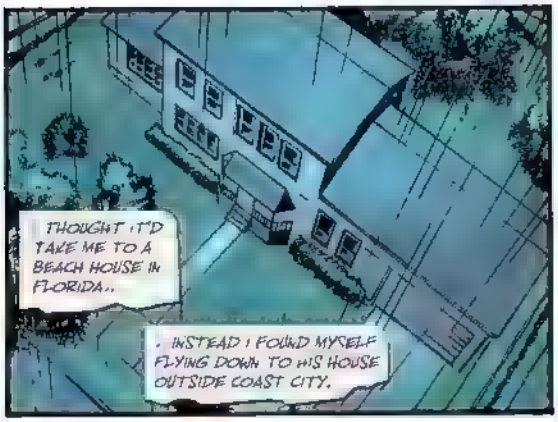
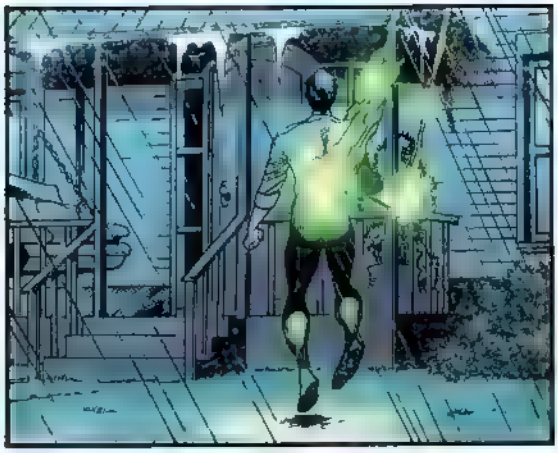

JORDAN? JORDAN?!
WE HAVE PROTOCOLS TO FOLLOW!


I DIDN'T LIKE SINESTRO. BUT HE WAS RIGHT. ALL THAT ANGER WASN'T ABOUT HIM.


I THOUGHT IT'D TAKE ME TO A BEACH HOUSE IN FLORIDA..
. INSTEAD I FOUND MYSELF FLYING DOWN TO HIS HOUSE OUTSIDE COAST CITY.



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JORDAN?

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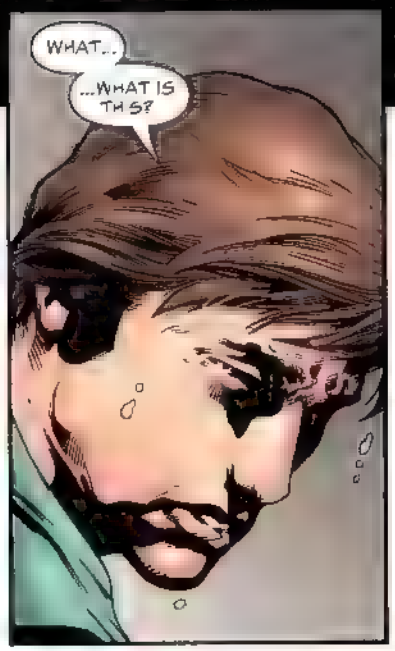

WHAT..
...WHAT IS THIS?

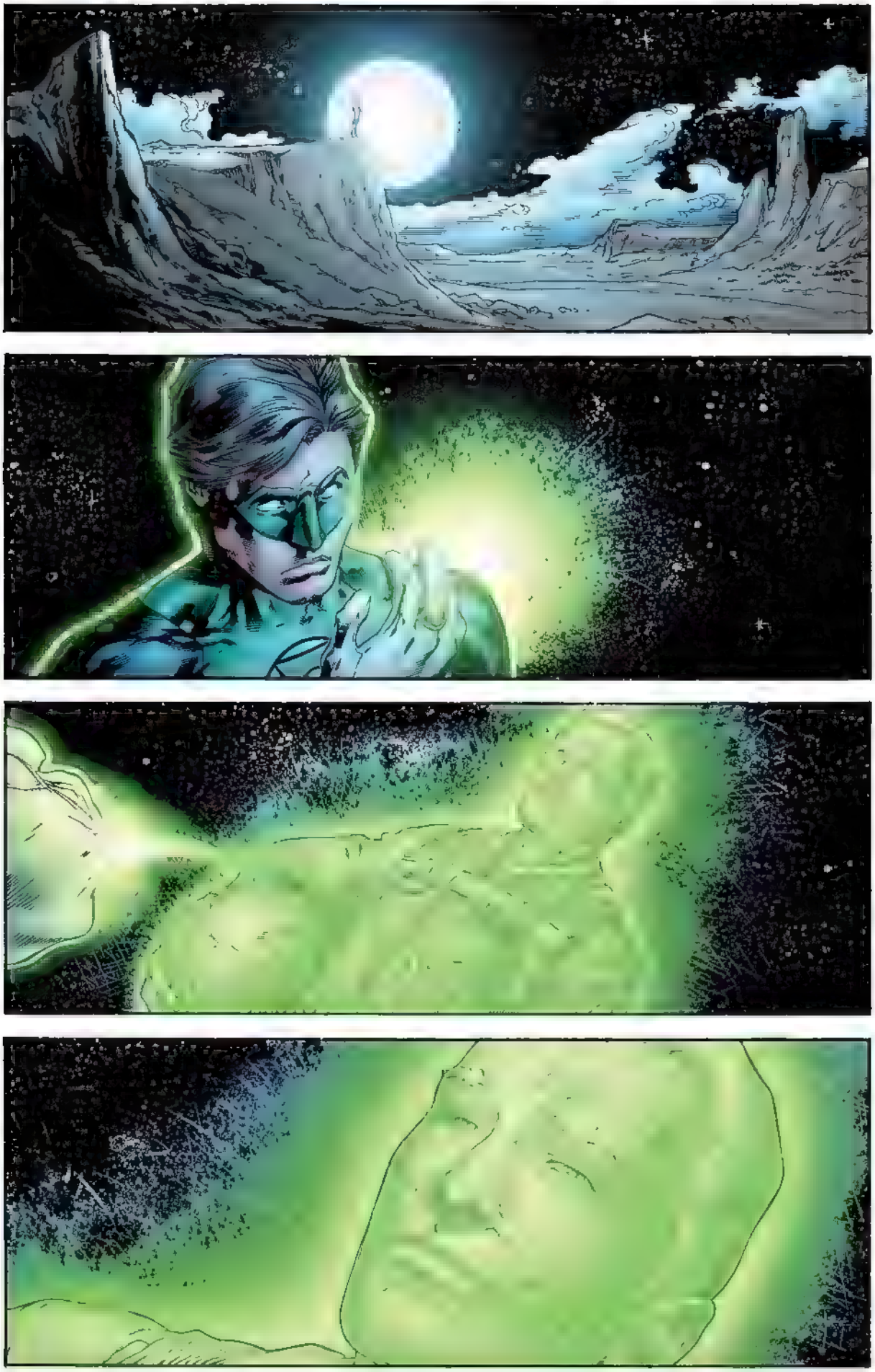
HE'S SICK.

YOUR FATHER WAS H S BEST FRIEND.
AND AFTER THE CRASH..
...IT TORE H M UP INS DE. AND OVER THE YEARS, THE GUILT TOOK ITS TOLL.
HE WAS NEVER GOLFING ON PEBBLE BEACH?
HE S NEVER PLAYED GOLF IN H S L FE.
LAST YEAR. WHEN HE GOT TOO S CK TO GET OUT OF BED, FERRIS A R WAS ALREADY N TROUBLE
SO YOU STOPPED FLYING? YOU STARTED RUNN NG FERRIS?
AND YOU LET EVERYONE THINK YOUR FATHER WAS DOING IT ALL THROUGH YOU?
I D DN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.
THAT COMPANY. AFTER MOM AND YOUR FATHER, IT'S ALL HE HAD LEFT.
HE STILL HAS YOU.
I WAS A SPOILED BRAT.
WHEN MOM D ED, HE'D GIVE ME ANYTH NG I WANTED AS LONG AS I SCREAMED LOUD ENOUGH.
ONE DAY. HE REFUSED. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WAS AFTER. BUT I REMEMBER I SA D .
...I SAID I WISHED MOM WAS THERE INSTEAD OF HIM.
HE SAW YOU BRING YOUR DAD A BROWN BAG LUNCH AND HE TOLD ME...
...HE WISHED HE HAD A SON LIKE YOU.
HE WOULDN'T IF HE KNEW ME.
YOU'RE HERE FOR H M. ME?
I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE FOR ANYONE IN MY FAMILY.

ALL THESE YEARS. ALL TH S TIME, AND I'VE WASTED IT.
I'VE WASTED IT HATING SOMEONE. BE NG ANGRY AT SOMEONE
SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T DESERVE IT.
A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO D DN'T DESERVE IT
I'M SORRY, CAROL.
I'M SO SORRY

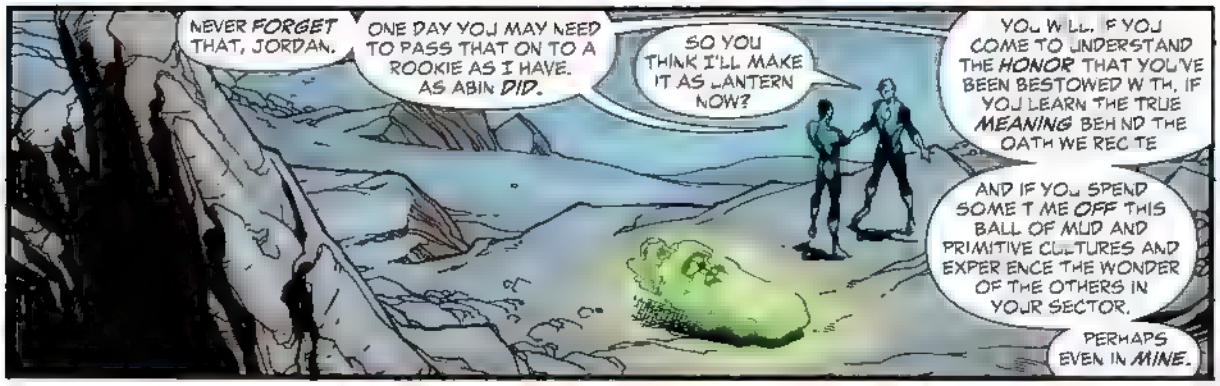
JORDAN.
. HAL.
IT'S NOT EASY IS IT?
WHAT?
BEING ALONE.

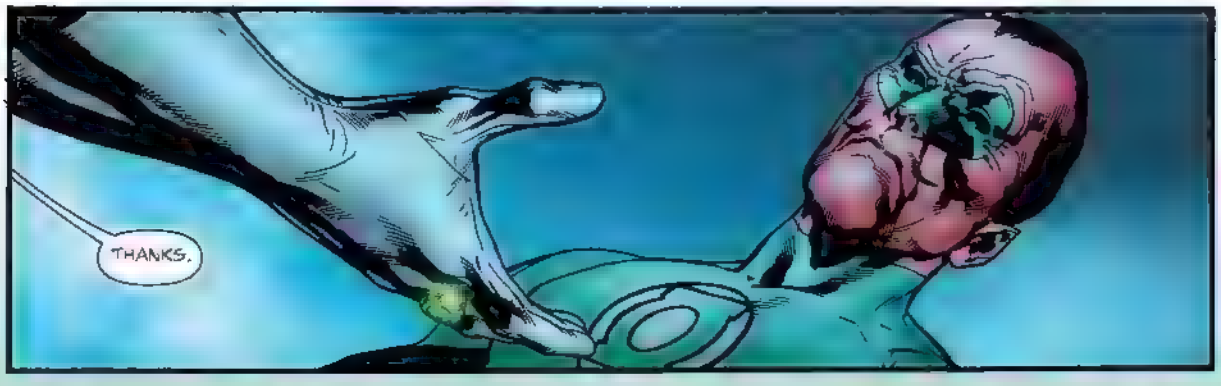
YOU'RE NOT ALONE, CAROL.



YOU'VE JUST WITNESSED THE *TRUE* POWER OF THE RING.

IT HAS HELPED YOU FIND THE WILL TO LIVE.
IT IS THE MOST BASIC ELEMENT W THIN ONE S W LLPOWER
YOU WERE R GHT.
I KNOW.
YOU AREN'T RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING.
BUT THE ANGER... THE ANGER I'VE HELD ONTO S NCE I WAS A KID...
..THAT'S BEEN FOR NOTHING. THAT HASN'T HELPED ANYONE
BERATING YOU IS MY JOB, NOT YOURS.
I MYSELF HAVE SUFFERED LOSS, JORDAN GREAT LOSS.
WITHOUT AB N THERE TO HELP ME I DOUBT THIS RING WOULD STI... BE MINE.
FOR BEINGS LIKE US, OVERCOMING FEAR S WHAT WE DO BEST BUT WHEN IT COMES TO GU LT REGRET... LOSS...
...EVEN GREEN LANTERNS STRUGGLE W TH THOSE.


NEVER FORGET THAT, JORDAN.
ONE DAY YOU MAY NEED TO PASS THAT ON TO A ROOKIE AS I HAVE. AS ABIN DID.
SO YOU THINK I'LL MAKE IT AS LANTERN NOW?
YOU WILL IF YOU COME TO UNDERSTAND THE HONOR THAT YOU'VE BEEN BESTOWED WITH. IF YOU LEARN THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND THE OATH WE RECITE
AND IF YOU SPEND SOME TIME OFF THIS BALL OF MUD AND PRIMITIVE CULTURES AND EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF THE OTHERS IN YOUR SECTOR.
PERHAPS EVEN IN MINE.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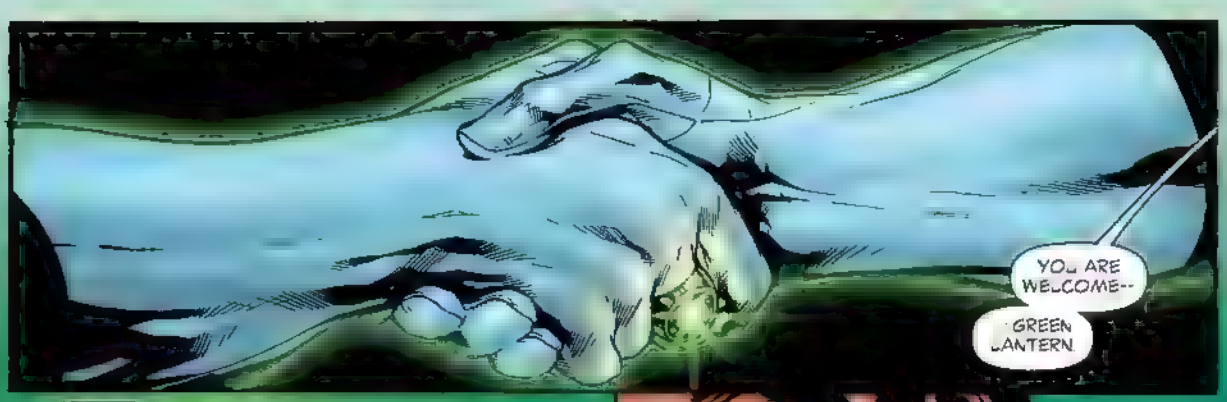
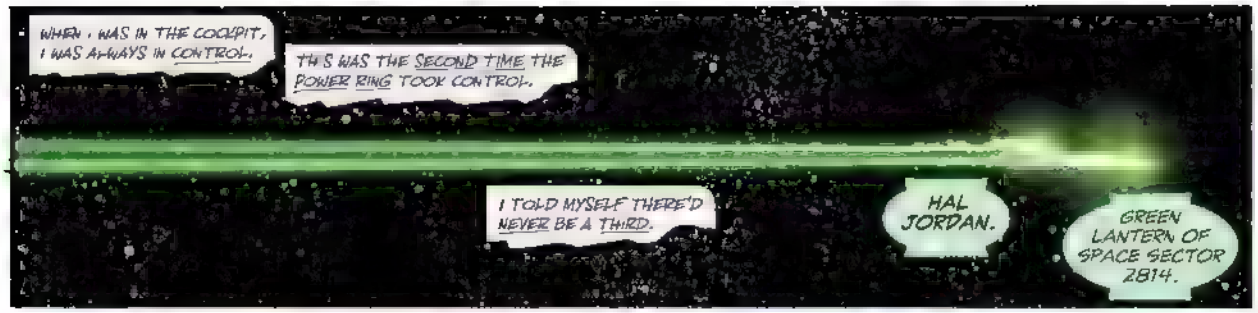
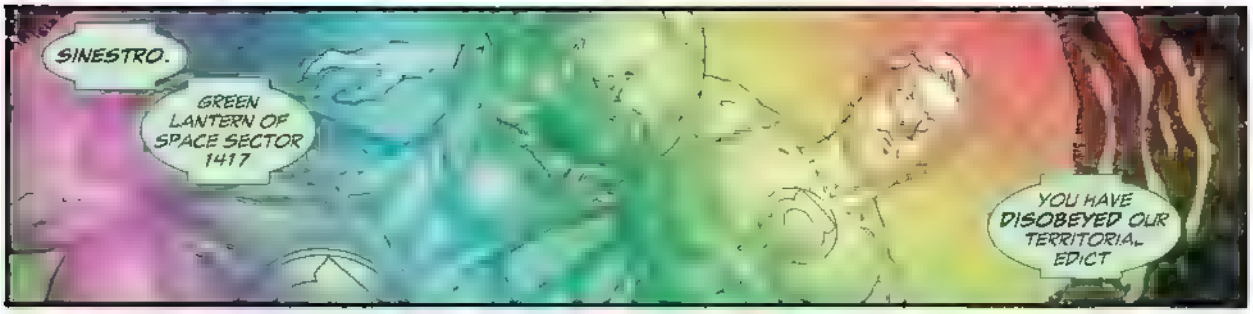
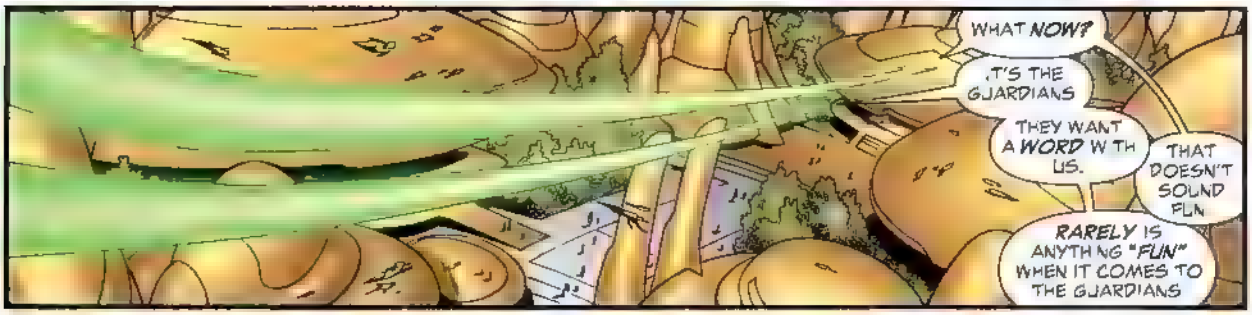

YOU ARE WELCOME--
GREEN LANTERN

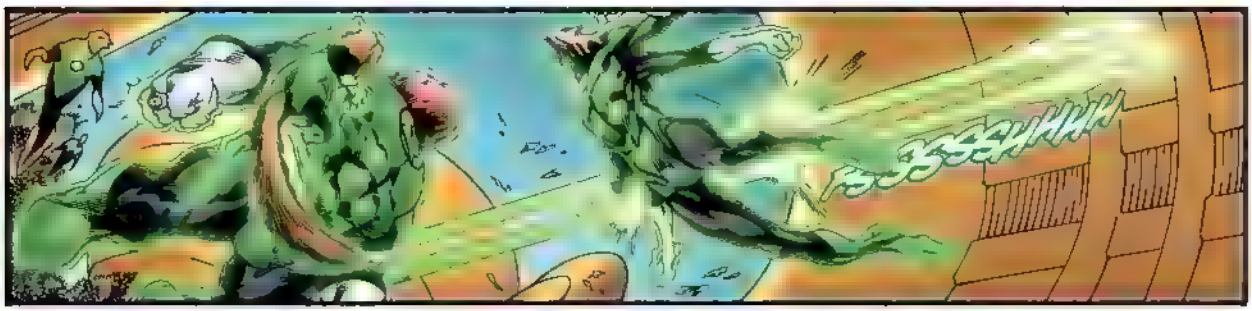
TIME ALLOTMENT EXCEEDED ILLEGAL FRATERNIZING BETWEEN OFFICERS REGISTERED.
WHAT?
LANTERN 1417.
LANTERN 2814.
YOU HAVE DISOBEYED OUR TERRITORIAL EDICT YOU WILL REPORT TO OA--
--FOR IMMEDIATE DISCIPLINE.

SECRET ORIGIN
BOOK SEVEN


WHEN I WAS IN THE COCKPIT, I WAS ALWAYS IN CONTROL.
THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME THE POWER RING TOOK CONTROL.
I TOLD MYSELF THERE'D NEVER BE A THIRD.
HAL JORDAN.
GREEN LANTERN OF SPACE SECTOR 2814.


SINESTRO.
GREEN LANTERN OF SPACE SECTOR 1417
YOU HAVE DISOBEYED OUR TERRITORIAL EDICT


WHAT NOW?
IT'S THE GUARDIANS
THEY WANT A WORD WITH US.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND FUN
RARELY IS ANYTHING "FUN" WHEN IT COMES TO THE GUARDIANS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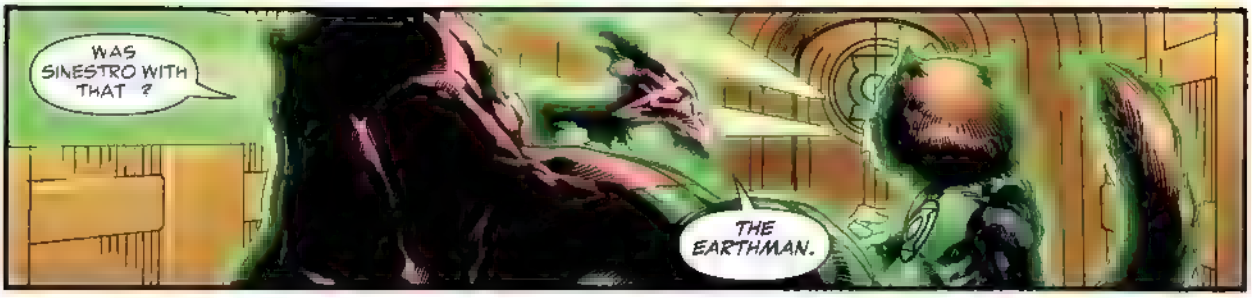
WAS SINESTRO WITH THAT ?
THE EARTHMAN.

NEFFF
SINESTRO...

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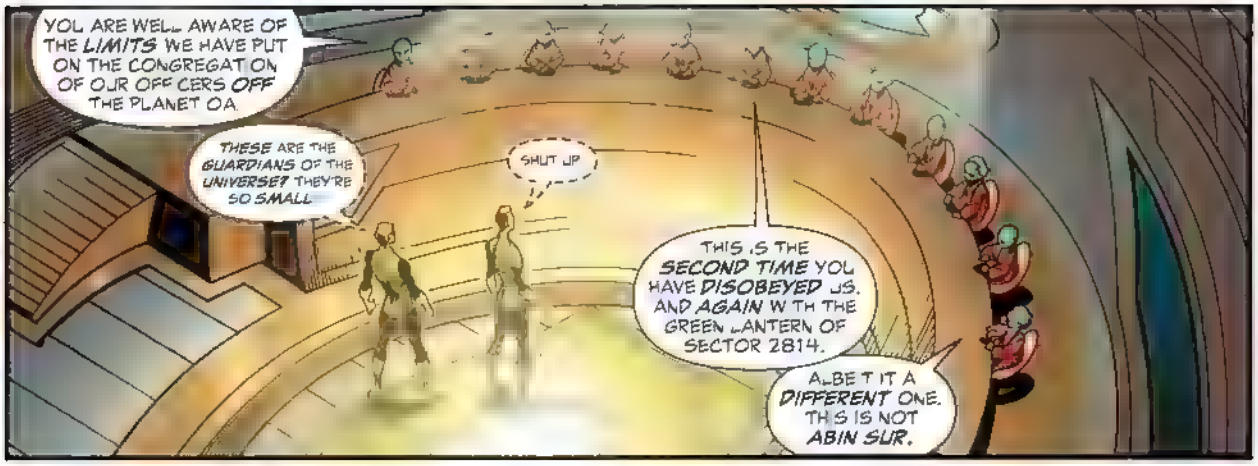
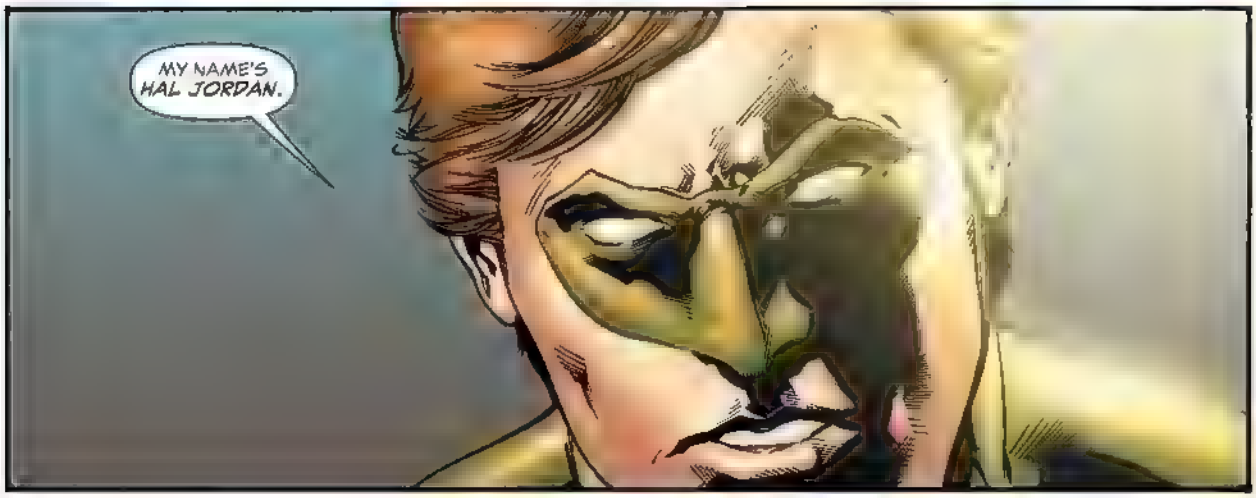
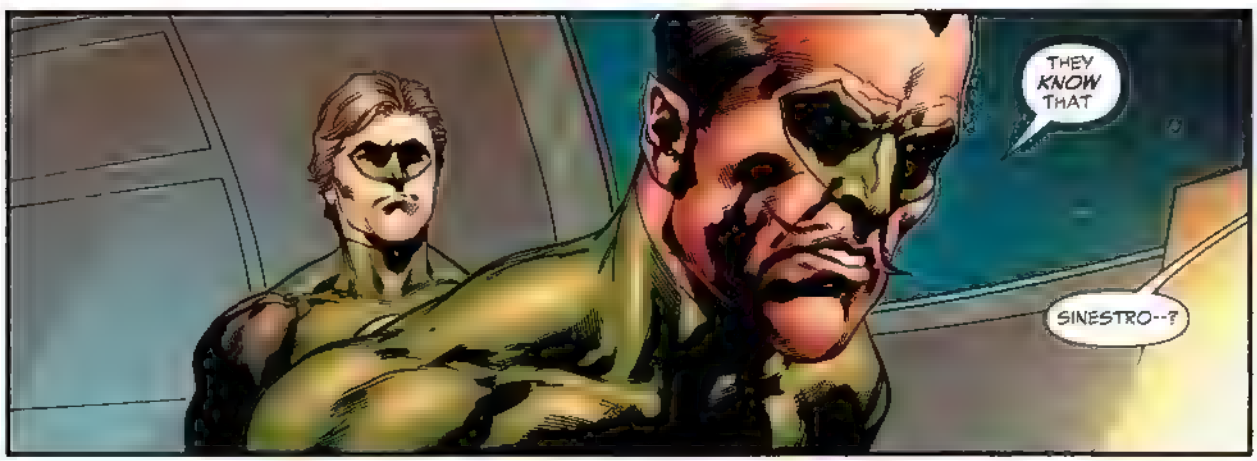
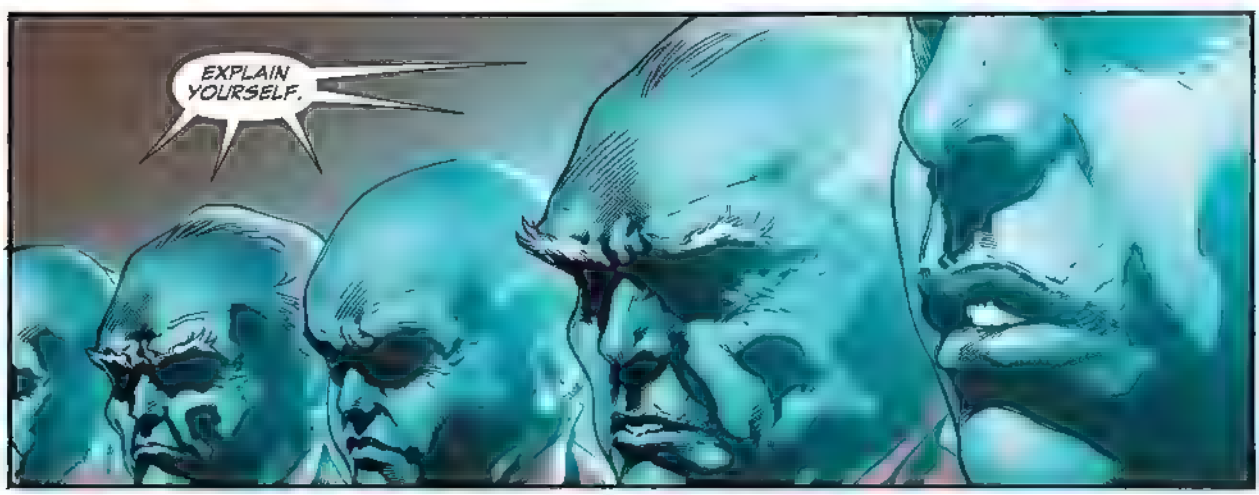

YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE LIMITS WE HAVE PUT ON THE CONGREGATION OF OUR OFFICERS OFF THE PLANET OA.
THESE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE? THEY'RE SO SMALL.
SHUT UP.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU HAVE DISOBEYED US. AND AGAIN WITH THE GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 2814.
ALBEIT A DIFFERENT ONE. THIS IS NOT ABIN SUR.


MY NAME'S HAL JORDAN.


THEY KNOW THAT
SINESTRO--?


EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

I WAS S MPLY ASSISTING THIS OFFICER IN LOCATING AND ARRESTING THE KILLER WHO ENDED THE LIFE OF ABIN SUR
ATROCITUS OF THE FIVE INVERS ONS.
AND BEFORE YOU SO ARROGANTLY R PPED ME AWAY FROM THAT BACKWARDS BALL OF DIRT, I HAD HIM IN CUSTODY.
WE ARE WELL AWARE.
ATROCITUS WAS TETHERED TO YOUR R NG.
THIS TERRORIST WILL BE RETURNED TO YSMAULT WHERE HE WILL CONTINUE HIS SENTENCE--
--AN ETERNITY OF IMPR SONMENT
HOWEVER, TH S ARREST DOES NOT EXCUSE YOU FROM BREAK NG OUR TERR TOR AL ED CT, SINESTRO
GREEN LANTERNS MUST ONLY OPERATE IN THE R RESPECTIVE SECTORS. THEY MUST PATROL INDEPENDENTLY. THEY MUST FLY ON THE R OWN--
WHY?

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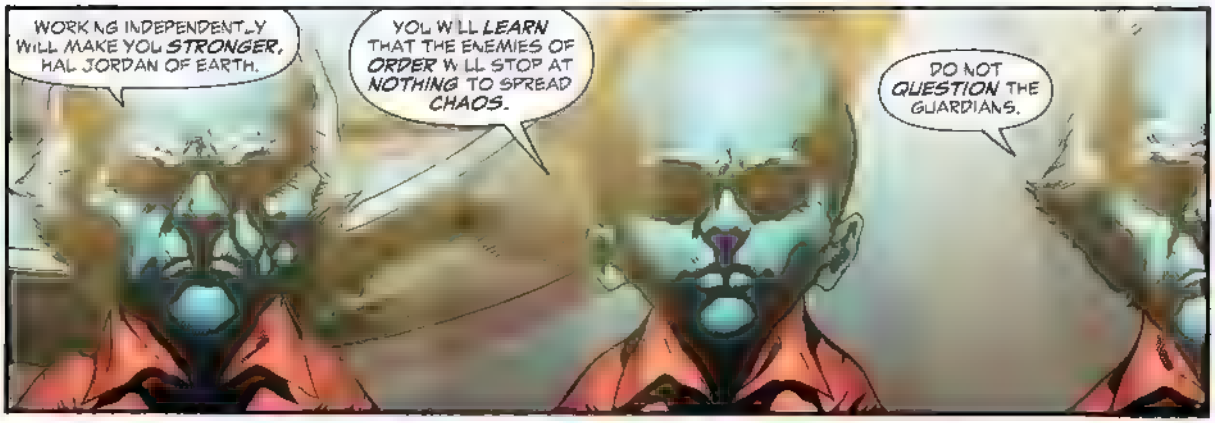
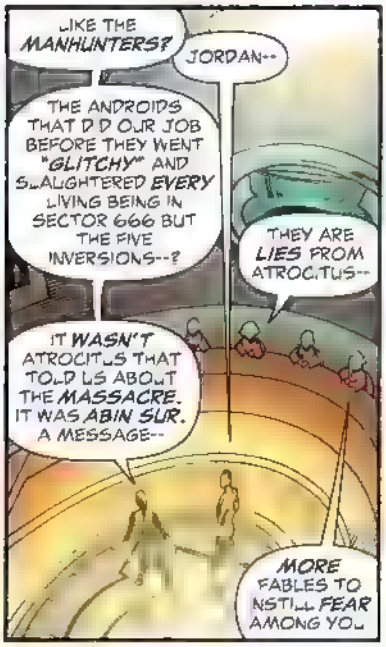

WORKING INDEPENDENTLY WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER, HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.
YOU WILL LEARN THAT THE ENEMIES OF ORDER WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO SPREAD CHAOS.
DO NOT QUESTION THE GUARDIANS.


LIKE THE MANHUNTERS?
JORDAN--
THE ANDROIDS THAT DID OUR JOB BEFORE THEY WENT "GLITCHY" AND SLAUGHTERED EVERY LIVING BEING IN SECTOR 666 BUT THE FIVE INVERSIONS--?
THEY ARE LIES FROM ATROCITUS--
IT WASN'T ATROCITUS THAT TOLD US ABOUT THE MASSACRE. IT WAS ABIN SUR. A MESSAGE--
MORE FABLES TO INSTILL FEAR AMONG YOU

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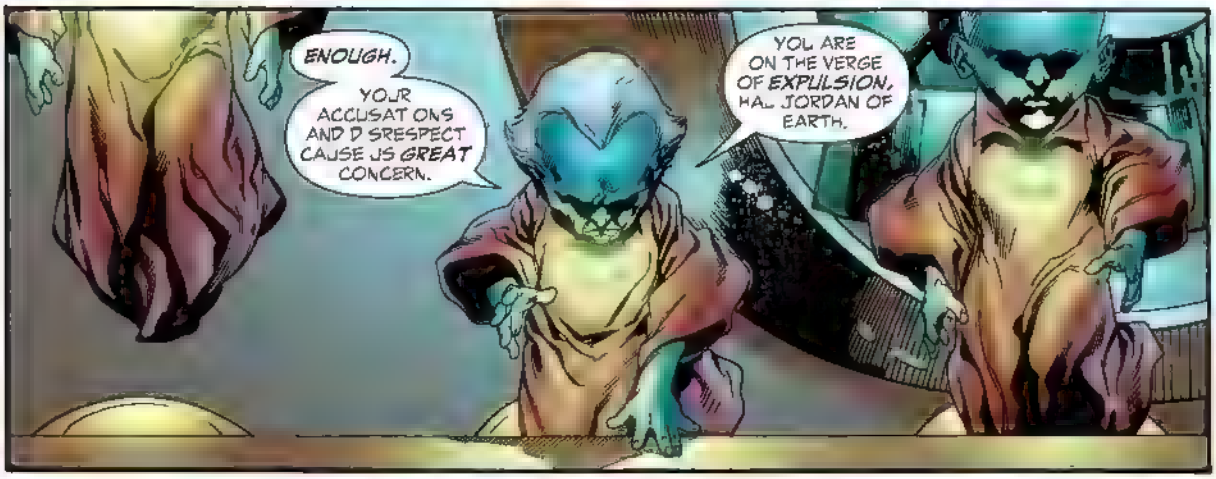
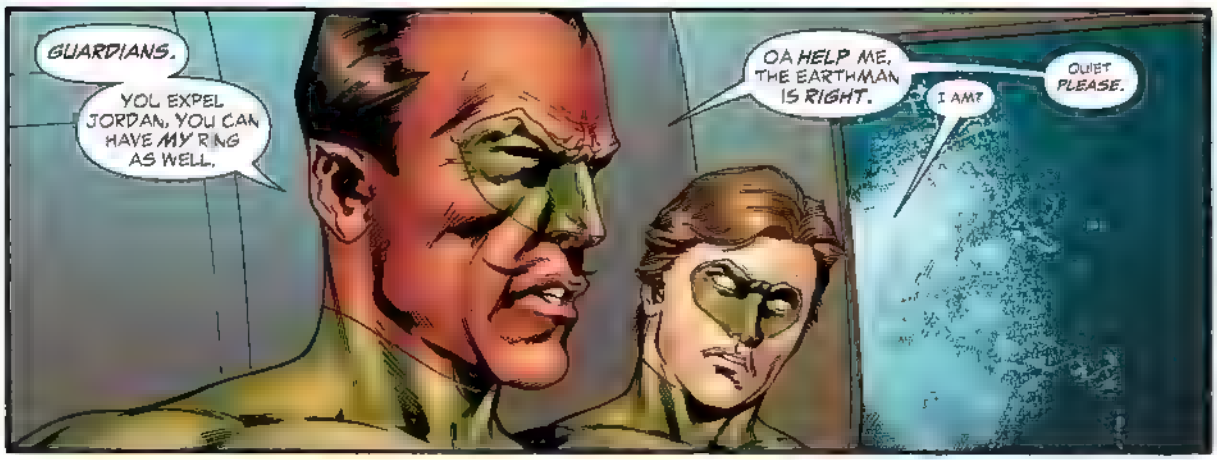
YOU DARE ACCUSE THE GUARDIANS OF FEELING FEAR?
JORDAN. DON'T PUSH IT TOO FAR--
I'VE SEEN WORSE LIGHT SHOWS, SINESTRO. I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM.
BUT I THINK IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS...
...THAT THEY'RE AFRAID OF US.
THAT'S ABSURD.
OUR RINGS DON'T WORK ON YELLOW, BUT NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN WHY.

"AND THE BUILDINGS ON OA, THE CITADEL OF THE GUARDIANS, THEY ALL JUST HAPPEN TO BE YELLOW?
"BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID WE'LL TURN ON THEM LIKE THEIR ROBOTS DID."
THEY EXPECT US TO OVERCOME OUR FEARS.
WHAT ABOUT WHAT THE GUARDIANS FEAR?
AND THAT TERRITORIAL EDICT?
THAT EDICT IS $#%?!$%#.
UNABLE TO TRANSLATE.

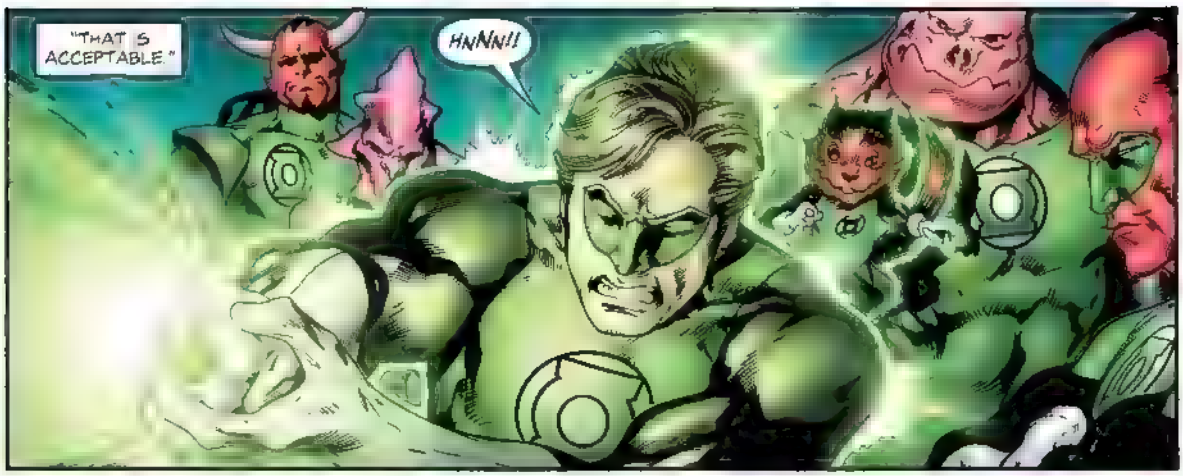

ENOUGH.
YOUR ACCUSATIONS AND DISRESPECT CAUSE US GREAT CONCERN.
YOU ARE ON THE VERGE OF EXPULSION, HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.

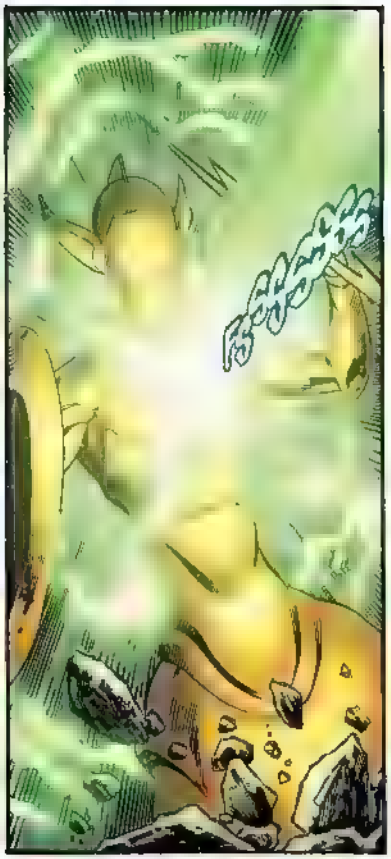

GUARDIANS.
YOU EXPEL JORDAN, YOU CAN HAVE MY RING AS WELL.
OA HELP ME, THE EARTHMAN IS RIGHT.
I AM?
QUIET PLEASE.

WE CAN BE STRONGER TOGETHER.
THE CORPS SHOULD WORK IN UNISON WHEN NECESSARY.
AND IT SHOULD BE UP TO US TO NOT ONLY HELP OUR FELLOW OFFICERS GROW, BUT TO KEEP THEM IN CHECK. TO INSURE THAT THE TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED IN SECTOR 666 NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN.

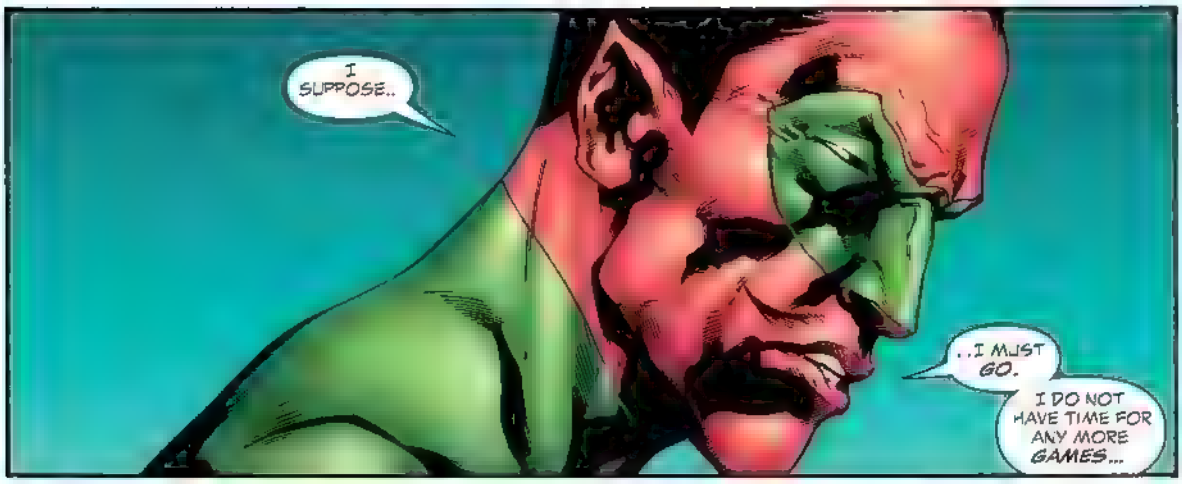
ALL OF THIS, THIS STARTED BECAUSE ONE OF YOU SENT ME TO ASSIST ABIN SUR'S REPLACEMENT.
ONE OF US?
THE ONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF "GANTHET."

"GANTHET"?
WE TAKE NO NAMES
ONE OF YOU HAS.
WHICH ONE?
I BELIEVE WE HAVE HEARD MUCH TO CONSIDER, SINESTRO. FOR NOW, WE LEAVE THE EARTHMAN WITH HIS RING.
AND OBVIOUSLY YOU WITH YOURS.
YES. BUT HE IS NOW AS MUCH YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS KORUGAR AND THE REST OF SECTOR 1417.
WE TRUST THAT IS ACCEPTABLE, SINESTRO...
...GREATEST OF THE GREEN LANTERNS.
Hr.
YES.





I DID DO IT.
YOU DIDN'T DO T
I DID.
NO ONE CAN BREAK THROUGH YELLOW, JORDAN. NOT EVEN S NESTRO
I CAN--
YOU ONLY TR ED LIKE TWENTY TIMES, HUMAN! YOU CAN TRY ANOTHER THOUSAND AND T WON'T MAKE A D FFERENCE.
I BELIEVE HIM



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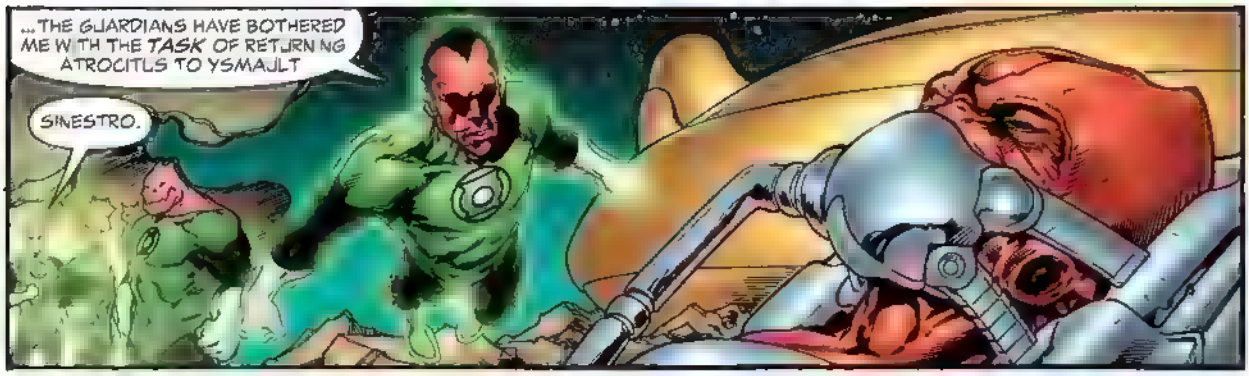
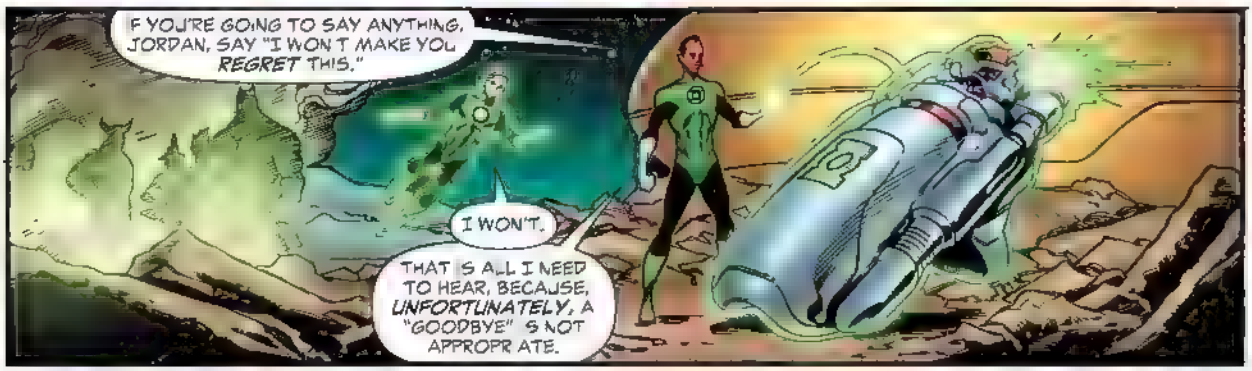
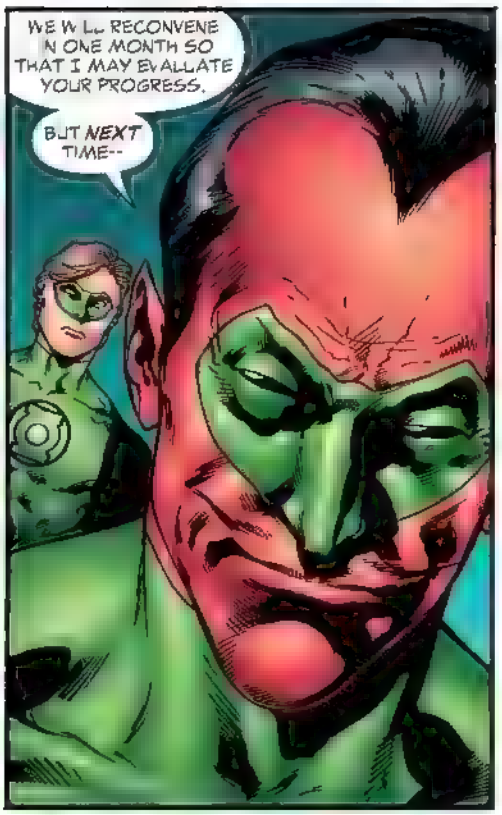
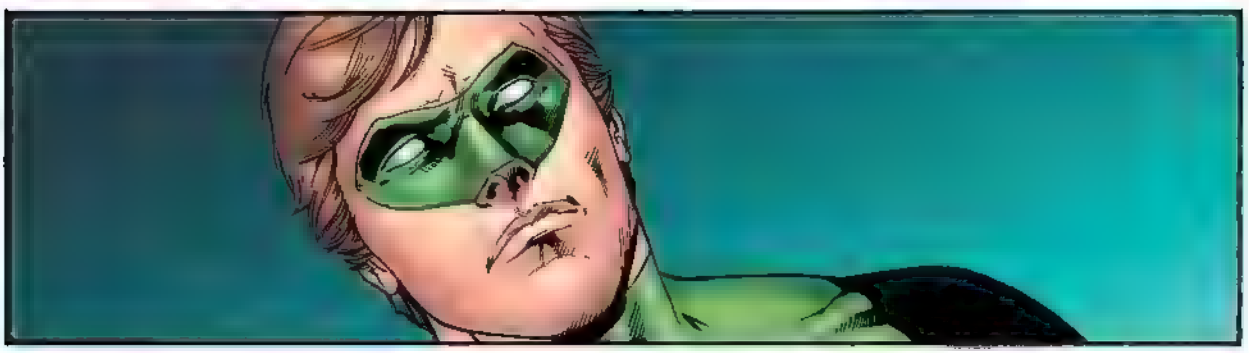

...THE GUARDIANS HAVE BOTHERED ME WITH THE *TASK* OF RETURNING ATROCITUS TO YSMAULT
SINESTRO.


IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY ANYTHING, JORDAN, SAY "I WON'T MAKE YOU *REGRET* THIS."
I WON'T.
THAT IS ALL I NEED TO HEAR, BECAUSE, *UNFORTUNATELY*, A "GOODBYE" IS NOT APPROPRIATE.


WE WILL RECONVENE IN ONE MONTH SO THAT I MAY EVALUATE YOUR PROGRESS.
BUT *NEXT* TIME--

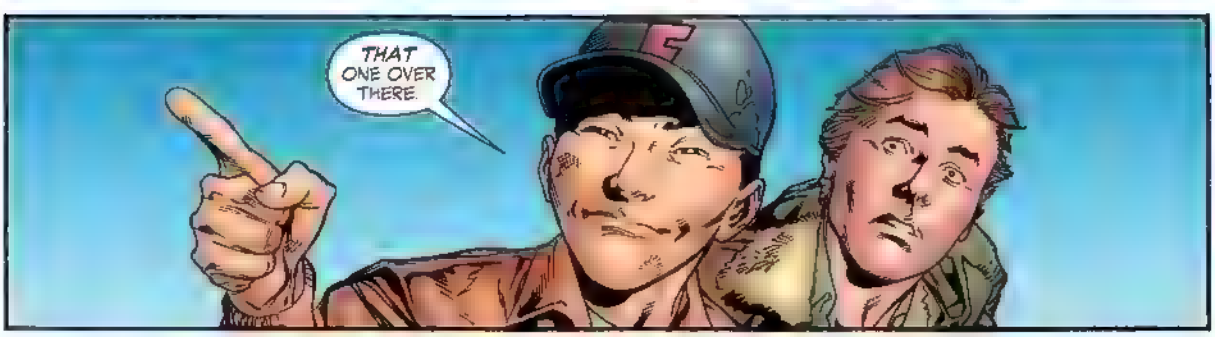
--YOU'RE COMING TO *MY* WORLD.

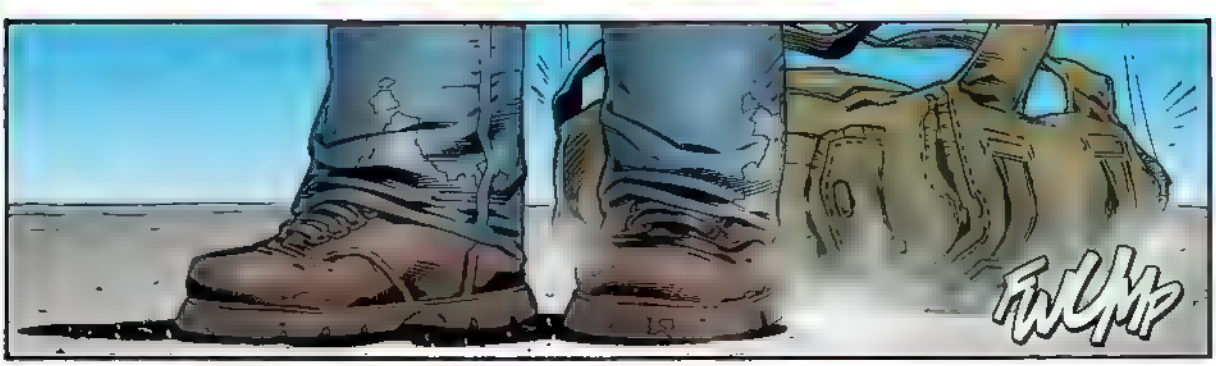


"FERRIS IS LETTING YOU FLY?"
"IT'S NOT LIKE SHE HAD MUCH OF A CHOICE, TOM."

I GUESS NOT.
BUT BEING THE ONLY PILOT--
FOR NOW.
BEING THE ONLY PILOT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LOGGING A HELLUVA LOT OF FLIGHT TIME.

THAT'S WHAT I'M HOPING.
I STILL DON'T GET WHY YOU WANT TO FLY A PLANE WHEN YOU'VE GOT THAT MAGIC RING.
THE RING IS NOT MAGIC. THE PLANES ARE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH ONE AM I TAKING UP TODAY?


THAT ONE OVER THERE.


FWUMP

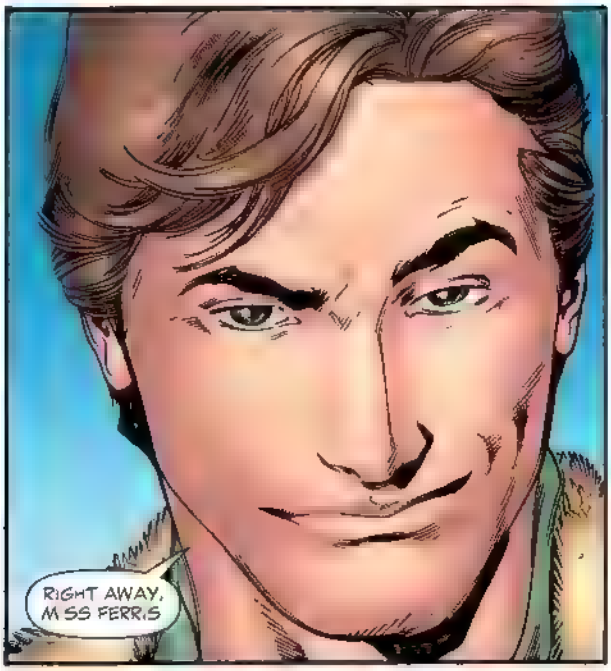
THIS S...THIS IS THAT HUNK OF JUNK. THIS IS THE PLANE MY DAD FLEW ME IN. BUT--
I'M GOOD, *huh?* ONLY TOOK ME THREE WEEKS
T'S AMAZ NG, TOM.
T SEEMED LIKE SHE MEANT A LOT TO YOU. I TOLD MISS FERRIS SHE SAID I COULD F X ,T UP.
CAROL D D?
WHEN EVERY OTHER PILOT *LEFT*, I NEEDED *SOMETHING* TO KEEP YOU HERE.

BUT IT'S MISS FERRIS, JORDAN.
NOT "CAROL."

WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
HOPEFULLY, THE GIRL I'M HAVING DINNER WITH TONIGHT.
OH, JORDAN. EVERYONE KNOWS--

I DON'T DATE EMPLOYEES.

GET IN THE AIR.


RIGHT AWAY, MISS FERRIS

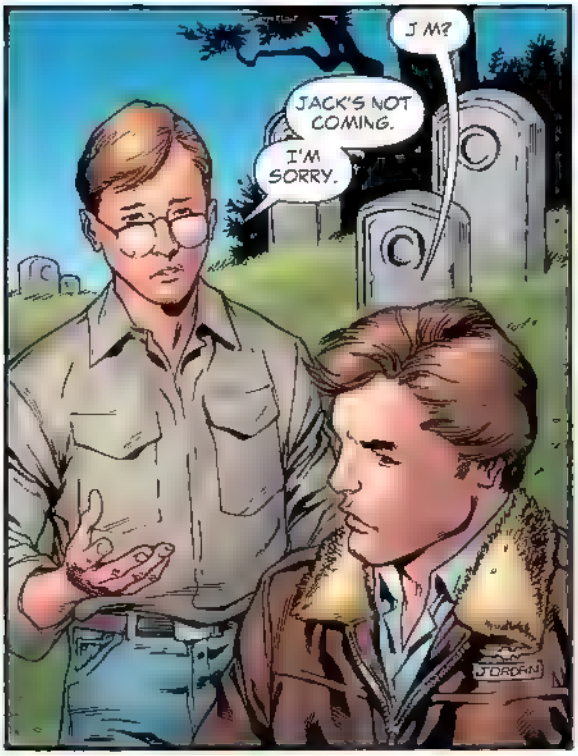
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. HANGAR 44
ANYTHING SPECIAL PLANNED TONIGHT?
HEADING DOWN TO PANCHO'S WITH THE GUYS. MY GIRLFRIEND'S BEEN A PAIN LATELY. SHE'S BEEN ON MY CASE ABOUT THE NEXT LEVEL" OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.
I TOLD HER THE NEXT LEVEL S ME MOVIN ON OUT!
I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND TOO.
DO YOU HEAR ME?
HELLO?
ANYONE? DO YOU HEAR ME?
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME IN HERE. THIS IS A TERRIBLY EMPTY PLACE! A VILE PLACE!
I'M NOT LIKE THAT ALIEN SHIP! I'M NOT HERE TO BE POKED AND PRODDED!
DON'T LISTEN TO THE GREEN LANTERN!
HE IS AMAZING THOUGH. THE LIFE HE LIVES IS SO THRILLING.
THE LEAPS AND THE FLIGHTS AND THE WOMEN.
THE WOMEN.
I WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT EXCITEMENT. OH, IT'LL BE WONDERFUL WHEN I AM AGAIN!
YES, OH YES!
I'M FEELING BETTER ALREADY

...REPORTS OF MORE STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY ARE POURING IN.
COAST CITY HOSPITAL
CCH
U.F.O.'S? SECRET AIR FORCE TEST FLIGHTS? OR ARE THESE RUMORS OF A GLOWING GREEN MAN TRUE?
IS THE GREEN LANTERN REAL?
WITH THE RECENT APPEARANCE OF SUPERMAN IN METROPOLIS, COULD COAST CITY HAVE ITS VERY OWN PROTECTOR? AN EMERALD WARRIOR--?
KLANK
KLK
CHR ST
I D-D-D DN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
STAND UP. STAND JP AND GET AWAY FROM THAT--
AWEE!
WHAAEEGH
IT S OKAY DEAD S G G GOOD.
DEAD IS GOOD.

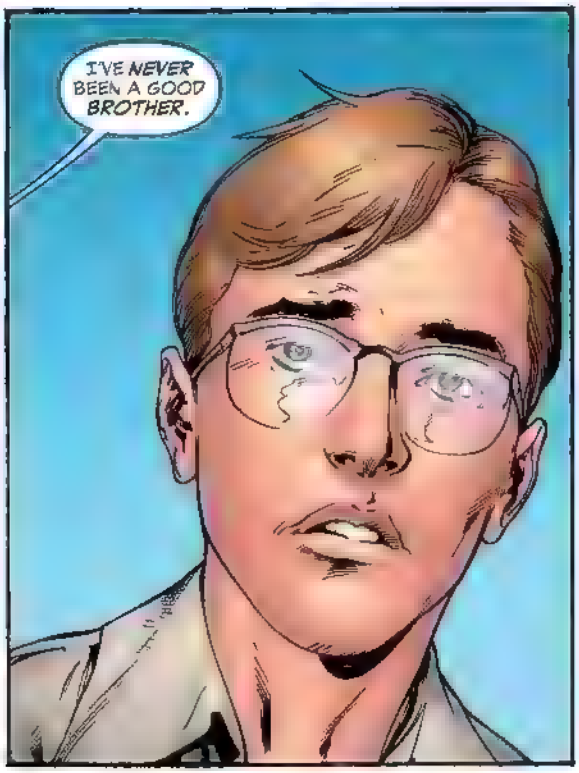
YSMAULT.
BY ORDER OF THE GUARDIANS I RETURN YOU TO YOUR CRUC FIX, ATROCITUS.
YOU ARE TO SERVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF YOUR SENTENCE FOR YOUR CRIMES.
NNYYAAA!
FAREWELL, FELON.
WE WITNESSED THE FATE OF ABIN SUR, SINESTRO!
WE CAN SEE ANOTHER!
YOUR TALES WILL NOT FRIGHTEN ME, QULL. I CAN LOOK OUT FOR MYSELF.
QULL IS NOT SPEAKING OF YOU, SINESTRO. I SEE IT NOW TOO.
AS DO I.
KORUGAR.

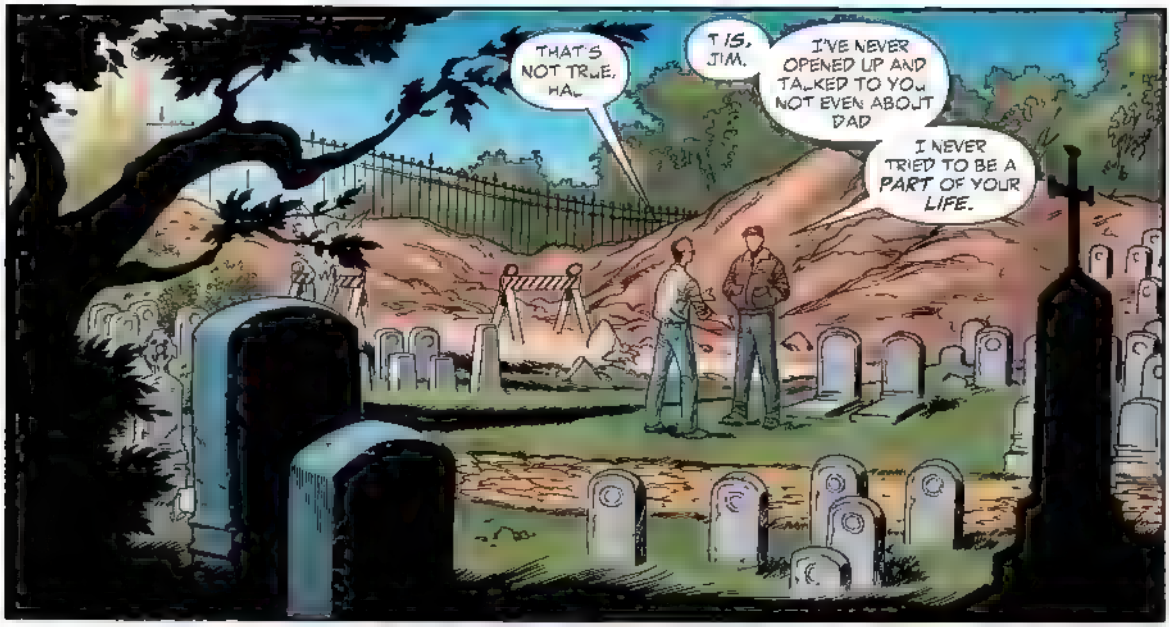
YOUR HOMEWORLD WILL SOON DESCEND INTO CIVIL *UNREST*. *VIOLENT* RIOTS. A *BLOODY* COUP.
YOUR PEOPLE WILL PLUNGE INTO *MADNESS* AS YOU SAVE WORLDS *NOT* YOUR OWN.
CHAOS WILL SPIN IT OUT OF YOUR *CONTROL*.
YOU THINK ME A *FOOL*, ATROCITUS?
KORUGAR WILL *NEVER* EMBRACE *CHAOS*, NOT AS LONG AS I AM AROUND TO INSTILL *ORDER*.
I FEEL *NO* FEAR, DEMONS.
NO FEAR OF *ANY* KIND.
THEN ONE DAY, YOU WILL FEEL MY *RAGE*, GREEN LANTERN
AND YOU WILL *BURN* BY IT

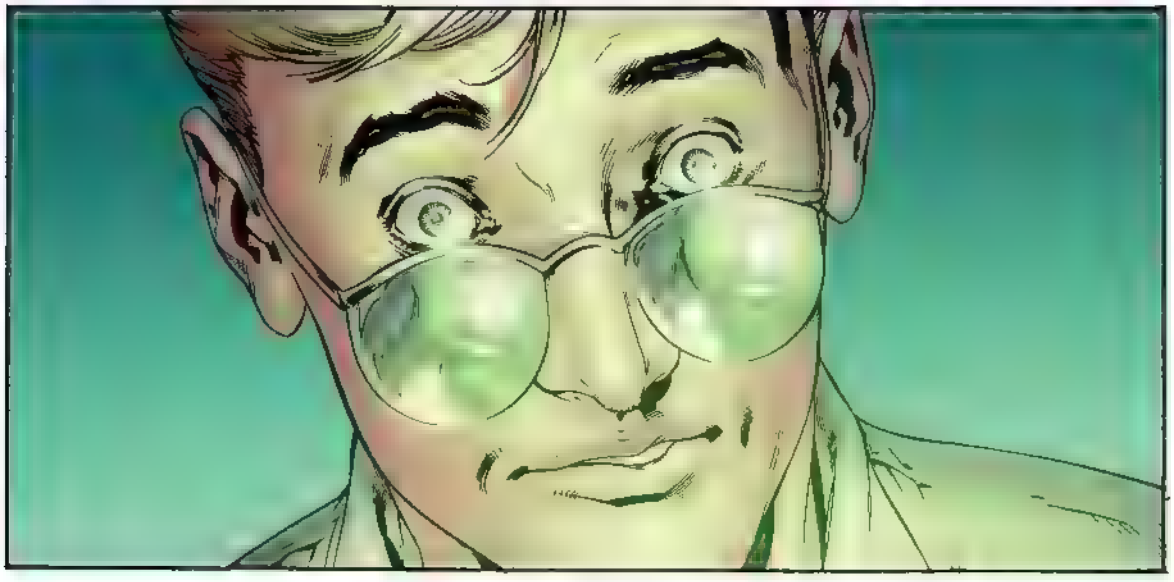
HAL?


J M?
JACK'S NOT COMING.
I'M SORRY.
JORDAN

I DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD
I DON'T BLAME HIM I WOULDN'T HAVE BLAMED YOU EITHER.
JORDAN


I'VE NEVER BEEN A GOOD BROTHER.





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IT'S A LONG STORY

SO I WROTE IT DOWN FOR YOU
FLIGHT JOURNAL
THE END.

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GREEN LANTERN
REBIRTH

THE WATCHTOWER
HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA.
JORDAN?
THE UNIFORM FITS.
THE RING FITS BETTER. ALWAYS DID.
A CIRCLE OF NEVER ENDING LIGHT. SYMBOL OF RENEWED LIFE.
IT'S NO MISTAKE THEY WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE POWER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
I TOLD YOU, SINESTRO.
GET THE HELL AWAY FROM THEM.
WHEN I WAS FIRST RECRUITED, I WAS TOLD
--"DO NOT CHALLENGE THOSE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU."
FUNNY STUFF.

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THAT FELT GOOD.

HE'S LECTURING ME LIKE ALWAYS-- BUT I CAN'T HEAR HIM
SINESTRO ISN'T CLOSE ENOUGH FOR MY RING TO TRANSLATE.
..NOT YET.
RING, POWER CHECK.
POWER LEVEL AT 99.4%
I DON'T HEAR ANY VOICES
NOTHING INSIDE SCREAMING YOU CANNOT DO THIS. OR TELLING ME TO GO AND "FIND" MYSELF
NO MORE SOUL SEARCHING ROAD TRIPS.
I'M HAL JORDAN.
MAN.
PILOT.
GREEN LANTERN.

War erupts between the Green Lantern Corps and Sinestro in...

THE SINESTRO CORPS WAR
GREEN LANTERN

I HAVE BEEN TO EVERY CORNER OF EVERY SECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE. AND I HAVE LEARNED ONE THING.
THE UNIVERSE *NEEDS* TO CHANGE.
WE LIVE IN A PLACE *ROTTING* WITH HEDONISM AND CHAOS. A PLACE UNTAMED AND MORALLY DEVOID. A PLACE OF *DARKNESS*.
WHEN I WAS INDUCTED INTO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, I BELIEVED I HAD FINALLY *ESCAPED* THE DARKNESS. I WORKED HARD TO VALIDATE THE POWER RING'S SELECTION.
I TORE MY HOME PLANET OF KORUGAR *FREE* FROM SIN.
I BROUGHT ORDER AND VOWED TO DO THE SAME FOR THE *REST* OF SECTOR 1417... AND THEN, WITH THE CORPS' SUPPORT, THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
FOR A TIME THE GUARDIANS EVEN CALLED ME THE "GREATEST" OF THE GREEN LANTERNS.
UNTIL AN EARTHMAN I TRAINED TOOK *EVERYTHING* FROM ME.
HAL JORDAN CALLED ME A *FASCIST* FOR THE ORDER I BESTOWED UPON KORUGAR.
I WAS STRIPPED OF MY RING.
LABELED THE *FIRST* RENEGADE OF THE *GREEN LANTERN CORPS*, I WAS BANISHED TO THE UNDERBELLY OF THE UNIVERSE, THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE...
AND *DELIVERED* BACK INTO *DARKNESS*.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE

...I FELT FEAR.
AND I WAS BLINDED BY TS BR LLIANCE
I BELIEVED FEAR TO BE PART OF THE CHAOS I ABHOR, BUT IT WAS MORE CONTROLL NG THAN ALL THE W LLPOWER N THE UNIVERSE.
AND T WOULD BE MINE.
RAYNER IS A FOOL.
I W LL SLICE THE CREATURE'S CHEST OPEN AND R P OUT HIS USELESS HEART.
NO.
YOU W LL RESPECT HIM.
DAMN RIGHT
GREEN ARROW SAYS HI.
YOU W LL BE MINE, ALLEY RAT.
AND THE UNIVERSE..

...THE UNIVERSE WILL CHANGE.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WILL CHANGE
IN BLACKEST DAY... IN BRIGHTEST NIGHT..
...BEWARE YOUR FEARS MADE INTO LIGHT...
...LET THOSE WHO TRY TO STOP WHAT'S RIGHT...
...BURN LIKE MY POWER--

--SINESTRO'S MIGHT!

HAL JORDAN RETURNED IN GREEN LANTERN REBIRTH

THEN, THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS FACED THE ULTIMATE FEAR IN SINESTRO CORPS

THEY WILL DESCEND UPON OUR WORLDS TO CLAIM THE LOVED ONES WE HAVE LOST

THEY WILL FOREVER HUNGER FOR THOSE THAT STILL FEEL AND LIVE

AND IF THE UNIVERSE IS TO SURVIVE, WILLPOWER AND FEAR MUST COME TOGETHER BECAUSE...

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